

Tory MP rebel on child benefit

Lamb ban in 2 areas after radiation fear

By John Young and Tim Jones

The Government yesterday announced a three-week ban on the movement and slaughter of sheep within two designated areas of Cumbria and North Wales, after the discovery of increased levels of radioactivity in the wake of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union.

Virtually the whole of North Wales, in particular the high Snowdonia area, which suffered torrential rainfall during May 2 and 3 when the Chernobyl cloud passed over, is affected by the order.

An estimated 5,000 flocks, comprising about 1250,000 ewes and lambs, will be affected by the restrictions.

Last night, farmers in Wales were worried that foreign competitors, particularly New Zealand, would try to take advantage of the ban.

Mr Maurice Trumper, chairman of the National Farmers' Union in Wales, said: "This is a very severe blow to the concept of better marketing. I just hope there is not a sustained reaction by the public."

Farmers in the principality were just about to embark on the biggest promotion for Welsh lamb. He intended to discuss the situation with his New Zealand counterpart and might be pressing the Government to combat any attempt to increase imports.

The ban was announced by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture. He told the Commons the monitoring of young unfinished lambs not yet ready for the market in certain areas of Cumbria and North Wales indicated higher levels of radio-caesium than in the rest of the country.

There was no need for anyone to be concerned about the safety of food in the shops, he emphasized.

The Government will consider claims for compensation from any farmers who can show that their businesses have been particularly badly affected.

The ministry said yesterday that only eight cases had been found in which the level of contamination exceeded 1,000 becquerels a litre (a becquerel is a unit of radioactivity).

The highest level discovered was 4,000 becquerels, which was still well below the 10,000 becquerels established by the International Atomic Energy Authority as constituting a health risk.

However, the ministry had decided as a result of Chernobyl to carry out further

the Meat and Livestock Commission said.

"But they should look at the ministry figures, which allow a very high safety margin and which show that the Government is determined to ensure that no meat reaches the shops which could possibly constitute a health risk."

Mr Simon Gourlay, the National Farmers' Union president, said its members were concerned about the situation and wanted the public to be confident that all lamb on sale in the shops was safe.

Mr Gwilym Thomas, of the Farmers' Union of Wales, said: "We are very concerned that the excellent image of Welsh lamb must be protected so we would support taking it off the market immediately in order to reassure consumers."

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said that there was "absolutely no danger" from meat already in the shops.

For farmers the restrictions will not be as severe a blow as if they had been imposed a month or two later. This is because many of the affected farms are in high, hilly country where the lambing season is later than in the lowlands.

But the mood among Welsh farmers was sombre and worried. Mr Jack Jones, who farms more than 1,000 acres of high land at Llanuwchllyn, Gwynedd, said: "I am very frightened for the future. If this ban continues, it will wipe us out."

"Sheep farming is our life. If this land becomes poisoned, it would kill off farming in North Wales for ever."

Mrs Enid Williams, wife of another farmer in the same area, said: "The end of June and July is our busiest period for selling lambs. We are terribly worried, as this could drive us into debt."

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Monitoring in any area where levels were found to exceed 1,000 becquerels.

The most likely reason for the uptake of radio-caesium in young lambs is that, in relation to body weight, they consume much higher levels of grass than other livestock.

Radio-caesium is estimated to remain in an adult animal for between 30 and 100 days, but in the case of a lamb it should be no more than 25 to 50 days.

Despite the ministry's assurances, there is obvious alarm among farmers, and among meat wholesalers and retailers, about the possible effects on sales.

"Clearly people are going to be concerned about the safety of what they eat," an official of

the Meat and Livestock Commission said.

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A spokesman for the South African embassy said that the whole question of Mr Healey's visit had been referred back to Pretoria and further information was being urgently awaited.

Police arrest 200 hippies

By Craig Seton

An estimated 200 hippies were arrested yesterday during a huge police operation to keep 300 members of a "peace convoy" away from Stonehenge, where they planned to hold a summer solstice festival.

The arrest came as the 100-vehicle convoy was evicted from a farmer's land at Hanging Langford, Salisbury, seven miles from Stonehenge, which had been closed since earlier in the day by the National Trust and English Heritage.

The peace convoy moved off peacefully from a field in the tiny village, but many of its members made clear their intention to try to reach Stonehenge in defiance of a police order.

Within two miles of the Hanging Langford site a group of police stopped the convoy on the A36 road to Salisbury and ordered it to break up into smaller groups because of the chaos it was causing traffic.

A police spokesman said: "Many of them refused and sat down in the road and they were arrested for obstruction. There were certainly over 100 arrests and there could be as many as 170."

Shortly after the arrests took place, many of the remaining hippies set off on foot for Salisbury, escorted by police, but a small group of vehicles made away from the scene before turning back and cutting through a country lane in another attempt to reach Stonehenge.

A police helicopter hovered overhead as they drove into a farmer's field and broadcast a message on a loudspeaker that they faced arrest unless they dispersed.

Earlier, arrangements had been made to allow druids and

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religiously inclined "festival people" to celebrate the summer solstice in the vicinity of Stonehenge at dawn today.

The festival was first banned last year when there were violent clashes between police and hippies trying to reach the site.

The immediate concern of the police was that 300 members of the convoy from Hanging Langford would persist in their attempts to reach Stonehenge.

Mr Donald Smith, the Chief Constable of Wiltshire, directed that they would not be allowed to reach the ancient site.

But he issued a letter that a maximum of 300 people, in groups of 100, would be permitted to celebrate the solstice close to Stonehenge.

The letter was read out to the Hanging Langford hippies before they were evicted under court order and at the Glastonbury CND festival in Somerset, which continues throughout the weekend.

By last night an estimated 50,000 people had arrived at Glastonbury and some were expected to make their way to Stonehenge.

On Thursday the Secular Order of Druids failed in the Court of Appeal to be exempted from the general ban on gatherings at Stonehenge. But the National Trust and English Heritage said that the druids would be permitted to conduct their sunrise ceremony on the road alongside the ancient monument, which otherwise would be closed for the weekend.

Soviet MPs want to meet Congress

Moscow - Members of the Soviet Parliament proposed yesterday that there should be regular talks on arms control between them and their US counterparts.

The latest Soviet initiative on arms control was seen as an attempt to increase Congressional pressure on President Reagan.

Members of the foreign affairs commissions of the two chambers of the Supreme Soviet offered in a special resolution to meet members of the House foreign affairs committee and the Senate foreign

relations committee. The resolution, which is to be sent to the US Government and Congress, said the first meeting should be held soon and should deal with each side's concern over US-Soviet strategic arms control agreements.

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Princess Margaret arrives yesterday at Cheltenham General Hospital for the opening of a cancer unit

Healey to defy Pretoria

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Mr Denis Healey's proposed trip to South Africa was in doubt last night after a surprising last-minute change of mind by the Pretoria authorities.

They told Labour's shadow foreign secretary, via Dr Denis Worrall, the South African Ambassador in London, that his presence in the country would be "most inopportune" at this time.

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Mr Healey and Mr Anderson have been invited to South Africa by Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the republic's council of churches.

Pretoria's security bill passed

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The President's Council, South Africa's top legislative body, last night approved by 35 votes to 22 a far-reaching security bill, and looked set to pass a second, related, piece of legislation before the night was out.

The vote, in which the Government had the support of two extreme right-wing parties but was opposed by all other parties, resolved a deadlock in parliament, and opened the way for the two bills to replace the state of emergency declared by President Botha on June 12.

One of the reasons given for imposing the state of emergency was the rejection of the two bills by the separate Coloured and Indian chambers of South Africa's tri-cameral parliament.

In Pretoria, the head of the Bureau of Information, Mr David Steward, announced six more "unrest-related" deaths in the 24 hours up to 6am yesterday, bringing to 54 the number officially reported since the emergency was proclaimed.

Five of the six fatalities were blacks killed by the police. One, Mr Steward reported, was a girl aged four who had been "magically" hit by "a warning shot fired in pursuit of a suspect which penetrated a corrugated iron fence and struck the child."

"Twenty-four non-whites" had been arrested in connection with the death of a white man whose burnt body was found near Uitenhage, also in the eastern Cape.

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Big changes were sought by Stalker

By Peter Davenport

The final phase of the investigation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary by Mr John Stalker, the senior officer who has been removed from the inquiry, would have called for more than 40 changes in operating procedures.

Sources close to the inquiry team of detectives say the recommendations would have urged a substantial reorganization of the Special Branch in Northern Ireland, bringing in much more accountability than at present.

A much stronger role for the CID in investigating shootings by police and specific guidelines for officers involved in cross-border operations were also recommended.

Mr Stalker, the deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, will now never be allowed to officially produce the recommendations because of his removal from the investigation after disciplinary allegations were made against him.

His withdrawal came only four days before he was due to fly to Belfast to conclude the final phase of his team's investigation into seven shootings, including six deaths, by RUC undercover squads in 1982.

During his intended visit, Mr Stalker planned to question Sir John Hermon, the chief constable of the RUC, and Mr Michael MacAsammy, the deputy chief constable, about whether they had any advance knowledge of the operations that led up to the shootings, and subsequent attempts to cover up the details.

The Stalker report is understood to have questioned the use of agents provocateurs to set up terrorist operations to trap wanted men, and would have called for the tighter control and handling of informants.

"It would have been a damaging indictment of many aspects of the RUC's anti-terrorist operations," a source close to the inquiry said.

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Lever revives England hopes in second Test

By Our Sports Staff

Seventeen wickets fell at Headingley, Leeds, yesterday on a frustrating day for England supporters in the second Test against India.

The Indians put out England for just 102 and seemed to be heading for a quick win until John Lever, the swing bowler recalled at the age of 37, gave England the chance of victory.

Lever, returning to Test cricket after a four-year absence, revived England after they had fallen 170 behind on the first innings. He took three for 13 as India slid to 70 for five, a lead of 240.

He also animated the Headingley crowd, who acted with the abandon of Mexicans by standing up and waving in rotation as he ran up to bowl. India's batsmen did not know what was going on, and neither did those who have not seen the World Cup football finals on television.

The Mexican wave unsettled Mohammed Azharuddin to such an extent that he was lousy as the spectators cavorted. Earlier the England batting had been extremely poor as they collapsed in 45 overs.

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US expels Soviet air attaché

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A senior Soviet diplomat was expelled from the United States yesterday for allegedly trying to steal secrets of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, the cruise missile programme and the super-secret Stealth bomber technology.

The State Department said it expected Colonel Vladimir Izmaylov, Air Attaché at the Soviet Embassy, to leave the country shortly. According to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials, he lashed out at American agents when he was arrested in Fort Washington, Maryland, on Thursday night, and had to be taken away in handcuffs. He was later handed over to Soviet officials.

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Terror style attack at News International depot

By Nicholas Beeson

Hooded saboteurs armed with knives and spiked ball bearings caused £2,000 worth of damage on Thursday night at a vehicle depot in Kent which distributes News International papers.

Police said at least 15 men wearing terrorist-style balaclava masks cut the perimeter fence at the TNT distribution depot in Snodland and fired "lethal" ball bearings from catapults at buildings and vehicles.

Accomplices also hurled bricks and rocks into the depot but no one on site was injured.

The intruders slashed 16 tyres on eight unmarked vans, smashed the windcreens of five private cars and vans and poured paint on one vehicle.

The attack coincided with the biggest march on the depot by 400 print union pickets.



Colonel Vladimir Izmaylov, lashed out at agents.



One of the "lethal" spiked balls used in raid.

Police refused to say whether the two incidents were connected but described the pickets as "peaceful".

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Assistant chief constable Paul Condon, of the Kent police, said that the police were prepared for picketing but had not expected a "reckless criminal rage".

"It was clearly designed to cause damage and was reckless as to whether people were injured or not," he said. Const Condon said the police recovered 24 ball bearings, some of which had penetrated the walls of temporary buildings on the site.

"Had one of them hit a person it could have killed," he said.

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Scargill fails in court bid to exclude rebel miners from pay talks

An attempt by Mr Arthur Scargill and the National Union of Mineworkers to freeze the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers in negotiations with British Coal failed in the High Court yesterday.

In a reserved two-hour judgement Mr Justice Scott declared that the 1946 conciliation agreement with the NUM as the one negotiating body for mineworkers was not legally enforceable.

He also declared that the National Reference Tribunal, the arbitration body set up to rule on disputes arising from the agreement, was no longer in being.

He added that the board was under a duty to enter into consultation with both the NUM and the UDM.

The NUM had argued that the agreement was still legally binding and could only be terminated by consent. In October last year they referred wage negotiations to the tribunal, despite objections by the board that the tribunal did not have jurisdiction.

The board gave notice to

terminate the 1946 scheme which, it argued, was not legally enforceable, but binding in honour only.

The judge said that the NUM as the sole negotiator for mineworkers had come to an end as a consequence of the "deep and bitter divisions" of the year-long pit strike.

The board had taken the view that the exclusivity of the 1946 scheme had been "initially undermined" by the strike, and had negotiated and agreed a wage increase with the UDM.

The judge also granted the board an injunction restraining the NUM from referring to the tribunal a dispute over an estimated £60 million shortfall in pension contributions after the strike.

Individual NUM members also failed in their counter claim for a declaration to keep the 1946 scheme alive until it was terminated by agreement with the union.

Mr Keo Toon, UDM president, said after the hearing: "It has been a wonderful day in many ways. The roadway is now a clearway for the UDM

to drive forward and reach its goals."

Yesterday, Mr Justice Mervyn-Davies finally restored to the NUM complete control of its £8 million funds seized by the court in November 1984.

Last week the judge indicated that the union should have the money back as he was satisfied it would be in safe hands with the new trustees.

But he said that Mr Michael Arnold, the receiver, should retain control of a branch of trust action against various banks and miners' leaders, who he seeks to make personally responsible for losses arising out of attempts to move assets abroad out of the reach of the courts. He is to retain £600,000 of the funds to fight that action.

The Nottinghamshire area of the UDM is to get £36,317 to cover costs and money it claims is owed to it by the NUM in a dispute over members' subscriptions. It undertook to repay any of its cash found not to belong to it.

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Renton adamant on GCHQ rebels

The Government has refused to rule out the dismissal of the rebel trade union members at the GCHQ intelligence-gathering centre at Cheltenham.

The dispute between the Government and the civil service trade unions is on the point of erupting into a confrontation with many union members ready to walk out in protest at the "persecution" of the rebels.

Mr Timothy Renton, a Foreign Office minister, confirmed yesterday that the pay would be docked of the employees who had rejoined trade unions and that other jobs would be found for them outside the sensitive communications base.

Their promotion prospects would also be affected and they would not be considered for overseas posts.

He had been called to the Commons yesterday by Labour MPs outraged by the disciplinary action.

The Government is anxious to prevent another fierce dispute over the 16 rebel union members, but Mr Renton made plain that the Government was determined to rid

GCHQ of any threat of disruption.

Leaders of the civil service unions will meet Sir Robert Armstrong, Head of the Civil Service, on Monday to complain about what they described as "draconian" penalties. They are also pressing for a meeting with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

The rebels rejoined unions after the original ban was ruled unlawful by the European Court of Human Rights. Union leaders and Labour MPs are to examine the legality of the new penalties.

Disciplinary action has been taken against 13 of the rebels.

They will lose annual increments for the next two years, which amount to between £1,000 and £2,000 each. Three other employees have been told they will face disciplinary action for rejoining.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said he had received telephone calls from colleagues who said they were prepared to take protest action.

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Chancellor surprised by slump

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted yesterday that he had been caught unawares by a mini-slump in the British economy, which was inevitably denting short-term job prospects.

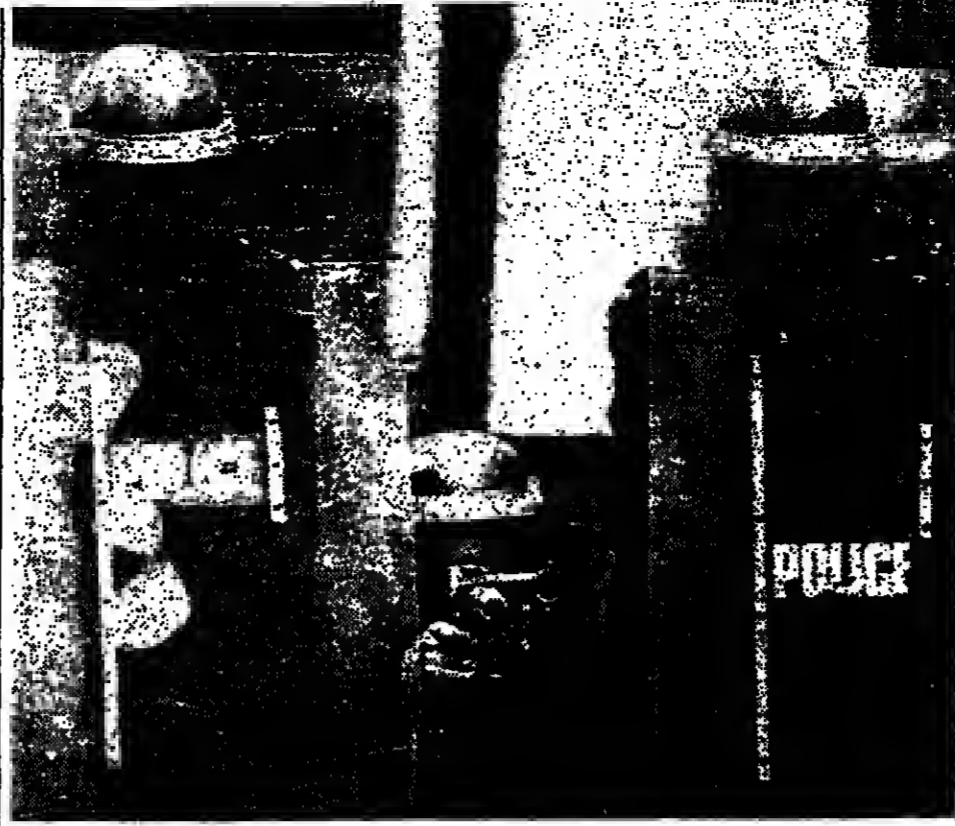
The result, he said, was that while inflation was likely to be lower than forecast at the time of the Budget, so was growth.

Mr Lawson said: "In common with other major countries, our economy has lately been experiencing a pause in the remarkable growth it has enjoyed since the trough of the world recession."

"This does mean that, for this year, while the rate of inflation is likely to be even lower than I forecast at the time of the Budget, the rate of output growth may be slightly lower too."

Official figures released yesterday show that in the first quarter of this year, gross domestic product rose by 0.7 per cent. Inflation was forecast to fall to 3.5 per cent, but it has already slipped to 2.8 per cent.

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A disused factory in the West Midlands echoing the crack of plastic bullets and the clatter of police riot shields yesterday, in a display for the media. The building, whose location is not being publicized, is used by the West Midlands force for riot control training, supported by men from the Tactical Firearms Unit, who fire the plastic bullets. Senior officers emphasized yesterday that such bullets were weapons of last resort.

Earlier this week, Sir Lawrence Byford, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, said in his annual report that plastic bullets and CS gas must be available to the police for use if they were the only means of dealing with serious disorder.

The police demonstrated yesterday how a loud-hailer would be used to warn rioters three times to disperse or face the use of special weapons. The third time the message adds: "There will be no further warning" and at that point a 20-man police support unit with riot shields is joined by men armed with plastic bullets.

Northern Ireland Assembly Loyalists seek new venue

By Richard Ford

Unionists wanting to use the city hall for democratic debate when they have been conducting an adjournment campaign in the 18 local councils they control as part of their opposition to the agreement.

Mr Will Giendinning, of the Alliance Party, said that the council should not make itself open for use by itinerant politicians.

Although they will continue to meet as an unofficial body after the Privy Council has formally approved the closure of the three-and-a-half-year-old assembly, Unionist members will no longer be entitled to the annual £10,000 and £7,000 expenses that most have been drawing, in spite of failing to fulfil their statutory obligations since last November.

The closure of the Northern Ireland Assembly will save the Government an estimated £2.7 million a year and will deprive a second tier of Unionists a body in which to cut their political teeth.

"Loyalist" leaders are planning to set up an unofficial Northern Ireland Assembly after a vote in the Commons to close Stormont and end the latest in a long line of failed political initiatives in the province.

The Unionist-controlled Belfast City Council is to be asked next week to give approval for the Victorian city hall to be used as a meeting place for redundant Unionist assembly members.

The members want to use the council chamber as a political platform against the Anglo-Irish agreement, even though the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, has called for mobilization of loyalists because he believes democratic opposition to the deal is over.

Already there have been reports of 2,000 loyalist protesters in Portadown, Co Armagh, and of 400, some dressed in paramilitary uniforms, gathering at an isolated forest near Ballymena, Co

Antrim, to demonstrate against the dissolution of the ill-fated 78-member Northern Ireland Assembly.

The assembly's life ended after a debate at Stormont lasting until the early hours of yesterday morning. Already Mr John Kennedy, the clerk, has written to the 50 Unionist members who have been participating in its proceedings telling them to clear their rooms.

The attempt to use the city hall as an alternative assembly will be bitterly resisted by nationalist and Alliance Party councillors, but the Unionist majority will ensure victory for the plan when it is discussed on Tuesday.

Mr Sammy Wilson, the lord mayor, who is a member of the DUP, said: "The main purpose of continuing meetings is to highlight the totally spiteful way in which the Government has dealt with Unionists in the assembly."

But opposition councillors were highlighting the irony of

Tory MPs campaign for death penalty

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A group of 65 Conservative MPs launched a campaign yesterday to bring back the death penalty for terrorist offences, after the Prime Minister's outspoken support for capital punishment in the wake of the Brighton bomb trial.

Although they are unlikely to succeed in their attempt to have the issue debated in the Commons, they are to press for it to be included in the manifesto for the next election.

Leaders of the campaign are Sir Ian Percival, MP for Southport and a former Solicitor General; Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP for Havrich and a former defence minister; and Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest and chairman of the backbench Northern Ireland committee.

Nearly all of the group voted to bring back hanging after the last debate on July 13, 1983. Two had not been elected and one did not vote.

The motions to restore the death penalty for various offences were defeated by between 81 and 175 votes. The majority against the motion for terrorist offences was 124.

Last week Mrs Margaret Thatcher reiterated her belief that the death penalty should be restored for "heinous crimes". She said she had always voted for capital punishment.

The Government has traditionally shied away from legislation for the return of the death penalty, in spite of strong support for it in the Cabinet.

Significantly, most of those on Mrs Thatcher's manifesto strategy team are known to favour its return. The seven-man team set up this week includes two victims of the Brighton bomb - Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, and Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip. In 1983 they voted for the death penalty, together with Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Of the other team members, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, voted against it in 1983 and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who was in Washington at the time of the debate, is also believed to be opposed.

The seventh member is Lord Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Lords: When Home Secretary he said that he would be prepared to abide by the vote of the Commons.

UGC look at college grant after protests

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The University Grants Committee is to reconsider a proposed cut of 35 per cent in the grant for Birkbeck College, London, because of the scale of protest which has greeted the possibility of its closure.

However, Sir Peter Swinerton-Dyer, chairman of the UGC, made clear yesterday that he did not accept Birkbeck's arithmetic and that the college needed to provide some facts so the committee could reach a decision on funding at its meeting on July 10.

"Birkbeck is clearly incapable of elementary arithmetic," he told *The Times*. "The college is very strong on rhetoric but distinctly weak on numbers. The representations we have received display a high degree of indignation but very few produce much in the way of facts."

Birkbeck is the only university college in the country which is devoted entirely to face-to-face teaching of part-time students, who earn their living during the day and study in the evening.

It was founded by George Birkbeck in 1823 for "self improvement by self help". The college says it faces a one-third cut in its recurrent grant as a result of the UGC's decision to alter the funding formula for part-time students. In the past Birkbeck's undergraduates have been funded by London University at 0.8 of full-time students.

The UGC is proposing that part-timers be funded at half the amount of full-time students.

The college stands to lose £2.4 million a year as a result, a sum which would threaten its existence. Sir Peter Swinerton-Dyer said that it was impossible to square the £2.4 million with the 35 per cent cut figure, and that the college had done its sums wrong.

Asked whether the UGC had taken Birkbeck into account when formulating the new part-time unit cost, he said: "The answer probably is no." Birkbeck was a specialist institution and may come out "mildly odd" on the sort of criteria the UGC was employing.

A number of prominent peers are concerned about Birkbeck's future. They include Lord Denning, a former Master of the Rolls, Lord Gifford, who has urged the Government to give a "clear undertaking that this unique college will continue and its future is assured", and Lord Scarman, chairman of the Court of the University of London.

Stalker wanted wide RUC reorganization

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inquiry into the hay barn shooting and to finalize his recommendations.

There could have been political repercussions from that part of the investigation, including the interviews with Sir John and his deputy, at a sensitive time in the Province.

The Stalker team had been detailed to investigate a total of seven shootings, including six deaths, by RUC undercover squads in 1982. The interim report dealt mainly with the incident on November 11 in which three IRA men were killed and an incident on December 12 when two INLA men died. RUC officers later accused of the murders were subsequently all acquitted.

The report was believed to recommend charges of conspiracy to murder against other officers in connection with those two incidents.

But it was the killing of a boy, aged 17, and the wounding of another man in the Lurgan hay barn on November 24 that was the most sensitive and threatened to be the most potentially damaging of the incidents.

During that inquiry Mr Stalker and his team discovered that the hay barn had been bugged by MI5 and that possibly vital evidence was contained on a tape recording. The team was persistently denied access to that tape.

Finally Mr Stalker met se-

Mr John Stalker began his career as with the old Manchester city force in 1958 (Peter Davenport writes).

Three years later he moved to CID as a detective constable and rose through the ranks to become a detective superintendent in charge of the city's Moss Side division by 1978. During that time he had four years with Special Branch, and served as deputy head of the city bomb squad during a campaign by Irish terrorists in the mid-1970s.

In 1978 he became head of Warwickshire CID with the rank of detective chief superintendent. Two years later he returned to the Greater Manchester police force as assistant chief constable (finance and administration).

He spent a year as one of only two officers on a course at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, studying government and social conditions around the world, specializing in South America where he spent some time.

As an assistant chief constable he investigated corruption in the South Yorkshire force; one detective was jailed and disciplinary action taken against other officers.

Mr Stalker was appointed deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester in 1984. Ten weeks later he took on the Northern Ireland inquiry.

Aged 47, he is married with two daughters, aged 17 and 20, and lives on a smallholding in Warburton, Cheshire.

Province could have political consequences.

Mr Stalker has been replaced on the inquiry by Mr Colin Sampson, the chief constable of West Yorkshire, who is also heading the investigation in the disciplinary allegations against him.

The same team of detectives however from Greater Manchester is now back in Northern Ireland continuing their inquiries into the hay barn shooting but it is not thought Sampson's eventual report could possibly be as wide-reaching on the RUC as Mr Stalker's was going to be after two years.

Despite being on extended leave for almost four weeks now, neither Mr Stalker nor his lawyers have been told of any specific accusations he

may face. They expect to meet Mr Sampson again early next week in the hope of either learning more details or to be told that Mr Stalker has been cleared and can return to his desk although he accepts he will never go back on the Northern Ireland inquiry.

The allegations centre on his friendship with Mr Kevin Taylor, a wealthy Manchester businessman and former chairman of the city's Conservative Association. Mr Taylor has himself been under investigation by Manchester detectives for almost a year and a report on the progress of their inquiry is now with the fraud division of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Taylor was being investigated as part of a wide-ranging police inquiry into

possible major criminals and their associates in Manchester although it has been consistently stressed that he has no criminal record. The two men have been friends for 17 years.

A photograph taken of Mr Taylor's 50th birthday party more than four years ago is now in possession of police and is understood to be considered as evidence of "unwise association" although there has never been any suggestion of anything criminal against Mr Stalker.

Another allegation that has been made centres on a nine-day holiday in America that the two men shared in 1981 when they went to visit a luxury yacht in Miami that Mr Taylor had bought. Although Mr Taylor paid for the tickets through an account at a local travel agents that he held, Mr Stalker had insisted he reimbursed his full share before the holiday began.

If necessary he would be willing, say friends, to produce his building society account book as evidence of the withdrawal of £300 which was his share of the holiday cost.

Sources close to the Stalker team believe that once knowledge of his connection with Mr Taylor became more widely known it was seized upon in Northern Ireland as a means of removing him from the RUC inquiry on the ground that he could be compromised.



There was an old person so silly...one of Edward Lear's drawings and limericks which sold at Sotheby's yesterday

Nonsense proves lucrative export

The nation may need to come to the rescue of nonsense. Yesterday at Sotheby's the last of Edward Lear's manuscripts of *A Book of Nonsense* left in this country was sold for £143,000 (estimate £40,000-£60,000).

It is one of the best of the eight that are known to exist, and, unless something is done about it, it will join the other seven in the United States.

While Sotheby's treated its client as strictly anonymous, dealers identified the buyer as Mr Frederick Koch, an American millionaire.

The manuscript has 79 of Lear's limericks and drawings on blue writing paper and bound into two volumes. It is probably an early production, preceding the first publication of the *Book of Nonsense* in 1845, and it contains limericks that were never published in Lear's lifetime.

The two-day sale, installed 1968, 324 with 11 per cent left unsold.

The chief curiosity of Sotheby's sale of important French furniture was a Directoire day bed, identical to the one on which Madame Récamier reclines in the famous portrait of her by Jacques-Louis David, which hangs in The Louvre.

The sale made £889,295 with 24 per cent left unsold. The top price of the day was £50,000 (estimate £40,000-£60,000) for a Louis XV black lacquer commode attributed to Pierre Rousseau, which had been sent for sale by Henry Ford II.

Christie's sale of important nineteenth century pictures met an uneven market as did the similar sales at Sotheby's earlier in the week. The fall off in interest in Orientalist pictures was reflected in the failure of a J F Lewis to find a buyer at £150,000.

The highest flyer was a portrait of a pretty little girl with a basket of flowers by Sir John Everett Millais. The "Portrait of Gracia" made £129,600.

Drivers who work for TNT and deliver newspapers for News International live in fear because of the Wapping dispute, a court was told yesterday.

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SNP choice

Mr Ian Smith, aged 49, a businessman, was adopted as Scottish National Party prospective parliamentary candidate for the Western Isles last night. Mr Donald Stewart, SNP president and the sitting MP, will retire at the next election.

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By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

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About £500,000 is required for the purpose and the failure of the manuscript to sell means that other Melbourne archives may have to be dispersed.

There are the papers of Sir John Coke, private secretary to Charles I, among which the play manuscript had survived, the papers of Lord Melbourne, Queen Victoria's first Prime Minister and husband of Lady Caroline Lamb.

The reason that the four-page play manuscript failed to sell seems to have been twofold. Scholars have not yet had time to study and debate its authorship and its importance is thus not yet fully established.

Second, the market disagreed with the auctioneers on the price.

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Prices rocket for book illustrations

Illustrated books and book illustrations have soared in price at Sotheby's over the last two days (Geraldine Norman writes).

The single most important force in the sudden boom was a private collector, believed to be Mr Koch, bidding over the telephone, whose single most spectacular purchase was the Lear manuscript.

The buyer spent £23,100 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) to secure an *Arabian Nights* illustration by Detmold, and made a corner in ink drawings by Charles Ricketts, spending £12,650 (estimate £4,000-£6,000) on his frontispiece drawing to the Vale Press edition of Milton's *Early Po-*

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Man is cleared of providing base for IRA bombing plot

An electrician from Glasgow was cleared by a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of providing a "base" for a "diabolical" planned IRA bomb onslaught in mainland Britain.

John Boyle, aged 26, slumped forward in the dock and smiled as the foreman gave the unanimous verdicts on the fifth day of his trial.

He was cleared of procuring, counselling, aiding, abetting or being an accessory to the commission of crime by Patrick Magee, aged 35, and three other Provisional IRA conspirators, Gerard McDonnell, aged 35, Martina Anderson, aged 23, and Ella O'Dwyer, 26, by assisting with the provision of premises and the storage of materials for causing explosions between January and June last year.

The jury also cleared Mr Boyle of having in his possession or control explosive substances, with intent to endanger life or cause serious injury to property in the United Kingdom, or enabling another to do so last June.

He was also found not guilty of a third charge of being an accessory to the commission of a crime by Magee and the others by secreting material for causing explosions in the cellar of his Glasgow home.

Mr Roy Amiot, for the prosecution, had told the jury that Boyle provided a crucial safe base from which the Provisional IRA could launch the "deadly" campaign in which 16 bombs were to be exploded, four in London and 12 in seaside towns.

Mr Amiot had alleged that Mr Boyle had knowingly rented a room on the top floor of 17, James Gray Street, Glas-



Rolls of barbed wire lying stacked in front of Stonehenge where police in Wiltshire arrested 200 hippies yesterday to prevent "peace convoys" converging on the English Heritage site where they hoped to stage a summer solstice festival. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Expert on Aids wants syringes for addicts

By Patricia Clough

A specialist in Aids yesterday proposed that drug addicts be issued with free syringes to help to prevent the disease spreading.

Dr Tony Pinching, senior lecturer and consultant immunologist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, said that the scheme could "stop overnight" the sharing of needles, which was one of the main sources of Aids infection.

It would also be an extremely cheap method of preventing the killer disease. Dr Pinching told a London conference organized by the Terrence Higgins Trust and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

He suggested that syringes be given to addicts by local health authorities, on condition they returned the one they had been using. That would prevent old syringes being left around for other people to use.

The scheme was being tried in Amsterdam and no increase in drug abuse had been found. It had also led to more opportunities for drug addicts to receive health advice, Dr Pinching said.

Politicians were reluctant to give the impression that they were condoning an illegal activity, he said.

He urged social workers, who made up most of the conference audience, to put pressure on politicians.

● An Aids epidemic spread by heterosexual intercourse was forecast yesterday by another authority on sexual diseases, Professor Michael Adler, of the Middlesex Hospital, London.

World-wide the number of cases of Aids which followed heterosexual intercourse and drug taking was far greater than that from homosexual activity, he said.

Drug company profits Fowler deal to end squeeze

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Drug companies are to be allowed to increase their profits in a reversal of the Government's squeeze of the industry's profit margins over the past few years.

If the industry accepts the deal now on offer, the new Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme will run for six years from October, with provision for a review after three years.

Under proposals announced by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, profit limits will rise by 1.5 per cent from October and by a further 2 per cent from October next year.

From 1988, the Government is proposing that profits should be linked to the average return on investment of companies in the Financial Times 500 index. That would keep the industry's profits in line with the average profitability of the UK industry generally.

The proposals come in the wake of a three-year squeeze by the Government on pharmaceutical industry profits.

The package includes limiting the industry's expenditure on sales promotion to the present figure of 9 per cent, although in cases where a significant new drug is launched extra spending would be allowed for a limited period.

● Health ministers have been advised to ensure many more people are vaccinated against hepatitis, it was disclosed last night (the Press Association reports).

The recommendation, from the Department of Health and Social Security joint committee on vaccination and immunization, comes after mounting concern over the risk in the disease.

Doctors in Holland described yesterday how they panicked the hearts of three 10-week-old embryos inside a mother's womb to ensure she did not have all of the five babies she was carrying. The other two were left to develop normally and after an uneventful pregnancy were born as healthy girls.

Writing in *The Lancet*, the doctors said that the multiple pregnancy occurred after a woman, aged 34, received hormone treatment for infertility and they decided to reduce the quadruplet pregnancy to a twin pregnancy.

Taxis may face partial ban in Oxford Street

By Mark Dowd

London's taxi drivers fear they could become an endangered species in Oxford Street if proposals affecting one of the capital's most popular shopping areas are given the go-ahead.

Plans leading to the possible pedestrianization of Oxford Street will be announced on Tuesday by Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westminster City Council's Planning and Development Committee.

Mr Bradley was also the chairman of a steering group which has been examining the problems of traffic and pedestrian congestion in the area during the past year.

Mr Harry Shepherd, of the Oxford Street Traders' Association, declined to give any specific details of the proposals.

"I don't like to use the word radical," he said. "Shall we say there are certain revolutionary proposals which are to be unveiled next week."

There were no plans, he said, to steal a march on taxi drivers and impose a complete ban.

Mr Arnold Sandler, chairman of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, conceded that he had not seen the details of the proposed alterations, "but I've a feeling that they're trying to make it into another Brent Cross. Twenty-eight years of being a taxi driver has told me to expect the worst."

Contingency plans have already been drawn up for a campaign against any new measures that would endanger the interests of cab drivers.

Parents who put children at risk

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Parents may be unwittingly risking the lives of their children in road accidents by incorrectly installing child safety seats in the rear of their cars, according to experts.

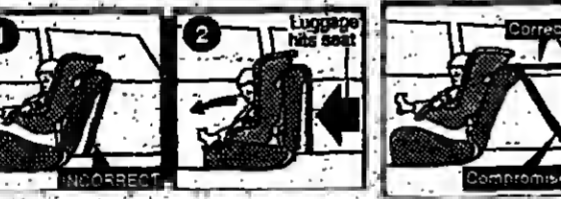
A case report of a crash in which a child, aged 18 months, was killed, despite being strapped into a safety seat, while the driver survived with a broken leg, is published in the *British Medical Journal* today.

The child would probably have survived had the seat been installed correctly, medical and road safety experts say.

The seat was of approved British standards and its type, BS 3254, has been effective in many accidents.

Previous studies have shown that 13 per cent of children in car safety seats were in wrongly anchored restraints.

In the latest case, the seat was designed for four-point mounting, but had not been



'Missing' major's kindness is repaid

By Michael Horsnell

The British Army of the Rhine is searching for a "missing" British major whose kindness at the end of the Second World War to a sick German doctor has led to a charitable windfall.

Dr Walther Gosmann was in hospital in Herford, West Germany, then in the British occupation zone, in April 1946 and believed to be dying when the major received a request for drugs to save his life.

Despite the rules against fraternization, the British officer obtained a supply of penicillin from the RAF hospital at Rinteln near by. The drug saved Dr Gosmann.

Dr Gosmann died earlier this month aged 87, leaving a large but undisclosed sum to charities connected with the British Army.

"All that his family has been able to tell the Army is that the major's name was Taylor," Major Robin Steel of 4 Armoured Division, BAOR, in Herford, said yesterday. "I am just hoping that something will trigger someone's recollection."

Blandford trial date set

Lord Blandford, whose trial date has been announced.

Lord Blandford, aged 30, is to stand trial on October 6 on charges of supplying and possessing cocaine.

The son of the Duke of Marlborough, he was in court to hear counsel set a date for the trial, which is expected to last about three weeks.

Four men and a woman have been charged with him on drugs-related offences. No pleas were entered at yesterday hearing at Knightsbridge Crown Court, central London.

Lord Blandford, has been indicted in the name of Charles James Spencer-Churchill.

He is the great-nephew of Sir Winston Churchill, and is heir to Blenheim Palace, 11,500 acres in Oxfordshire, the title of the Duke of Marlborough.

Court shown motorway carnage video

A police video was shown to Leicestershire county magistrates yesterday to illustrate the "motorway carnage" caused by drivers alleged to have travelled too fast and too close in dense fog.

Of 26 people charged with careless driving after a multiple crash on the M6 motorway last October, 11 pleaded guilty by letter and were fined between £90 and £75 each yesterday. The other 15 cases were adjourned.

Airlines lure back tourists

By Robin Young

Airlines believe that they are winning the battle to attract back tourists.

British Airways insists that bookings have recovered to 60,000 a week, about normal for the time of year, although it has asked its staff to consider taking up to three months' unpaid leave this summer in an attempt to cut costs, in the face of a paucity of passengers.

The difficulty is that there was a hiatus in the wake of the United States air raid on Libya, and many of those missing reservations will never be retrieved.

British Airways staff who can be spared while the passenger famine persists are being offered any unpaid time off they care to take, or the opportunity to cover essential work in key operational areas for part of their working week, without loss of pay.

Meanwhile, the £5.3 million campaign to persuade Americans to resume their transatlantic flights continues with sweepstake prizes, such as a Concorde flight or a £500 shopping voucher, to be won on every flight.

The monthly prizes offered include a Rolls-Royce, use of Concorde for eight hours, or a five-year lease on a Chelsea flat.

British Caledonian, which last month announced plans to cut 1,000 staff, reduce flights and close four sales offices, has just finished showing hundreds of American travel agents the delights of London on an all-expenses paid trip.

It has also been homing in on any available marketing opportunities, so that when a young American telephoned a San Francisco radio station to say that he would go to London if he could only afford it, he was instantly provided with a ticket and a week's free accommodation at the Hilton.

TWA claims to have "beat" prices down to the nub" and has produced a plethora of low-priced packages and free offers to boost business. As inducements for Britons flying to America it has also extended its scheme offering any flight within the US for \$40.

One of the more unusual incentives on offer at present comes from Thomas Cook Holidays. To promote a new beach resort in Barbados, the company is offering holidays at a price which includes all drinks throughout the stay.

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'Only 10%' of elected councillors work for another authority

By Hugh Clayton

Only 10 per cent of councillors indulge in "twin-tracking" by working for one council when they are elected to another, according to a survey released yesterday by the Widdicombe committee.

A large minority of 15 per cent hold elected office on more than one authority.

A limited curb on "twin tracking" was one of the most controversial of the 38 recommendations made in the final report from the five-member committee, sent to ministers on Thursday.

The research data behind the report, issued yesterday in four volumes, amounted to the most comprehensive survey of local government for many years.

It lay behind the committee's proposed curbs on "twin tracking" which would force a few senior council officers to choose between their service as councillors and their work as officers.

A survey, for the committee, of 103 councils found that 40 per cent had no twin-track

members. That left 60 per cent which had such members, but concern about their role was found in only 20 per cent of the 103 authorities.

"We found that allegations and suspicions were more readily available than hard evidence," the researchers for the committee found.

Some councils, especially those deep in the countryside, had no twin-tracking. But in others a third of the councillors might be involved in it.

The researchers found widespread concern about the blurring of boundaries between the responsibilities of elected councillors and paid officers.

That concern often went far beyond the narrow limits of twin-tracking.

Few of those interviewed wanted a complete ban on twin-tracking.

One unnamed chief executive feared that teachers who were councillors would spread their political views in the classroom.

Another cited a teacher who worked for one council but spent most working hours as

the elected chairman of an influential committee on another council.

Some of those interviewed thought twin-tracking needed no tougher curb than full declaration of members' interests that could affect their work as elected councillors.

The committee called for tighter rules at meetings of councillors of one party on attendance by other politicians from the same party.

Such politicians include chairmen of local Conservative associations and officers and delegates of district Labour Parties.

The researchers found that in about 40 councils, almost all Labour, such meetings were attended by people barred by law from belonging to the councils because they worked for them.

They found that such outside politicians went to party meetings of councillors in about half of the Conservative authorities and almost all of the Labour ones in their survey.



Nicola Tsoukatos, one of the Wimbledon ballgirls, having her hair groomed by Rae Stansfield yesterday as preparations continued for the fortnight of tennis starting on Monday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Warrant for man sought in bomb case

By Richard Ford

A warrant was issued in Dublin yesterday for the arrest of a man wanted for questioning about an alleged plot to bomb a public house and Army barracks in Lancashire.

Patrick "The Pope" Murray failed to appear in court to answer charges of shooting a man in the Ballymunn suburb of the city, and possessing a gun with intent to endanger life.

He is wanted for questioning in England about an alleged conspiracy, involving Patrick Magee, to cause explosion in Lancashire in 1983.

Mr Murray, aged 42, had been reporting daily to the Garda as a condition of his £1,000 bail but when his case was called in Dublin District Court he was not in the building.

His solicitor, Miss Anne Rowland, said that he had been reporting daily to police but she did not know where he was. After an application from the state, the district justice, Mr Peter Connellan, issued a bench warrant for Mr Murray's arrest.

Nicknamed "The Pope" because he has a tattoo on his chest with the words "God save the Pope", Mr Murray is a former British Army commando from Co Mayo.

Solicitor's gun death not suicide

A solicitor who shot himself in the head with an automatic pistol did not commit suicide, a coroner ruled yesterday.

There was no evidence to show that Mr Richard Trounson, aged 52, had any intention to take his life. Mr David Faulkner, the Cotswold Coroner, said at an inquest in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

He had been told that Mr Trounson, a partner in a Bath firm of solicitors, was found dead in his potting shed at his home, the Garden House, Westoburn, Gloucestershire, near the Highgrove House home of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

His widow, Madeleine, said that on the morning of June 7 she went to visit her son in Marlborough, leaving Mr Trounson at home.

The coroner asked: "Had he ever threatened to take his own life?" She replied "No, never."

Recording an open verdict, the coroner said: "There is no evidence of intention in this matter. It seemed to me that I am bound by a divisional court decision that loading a gun and putting it to the head and pulling the trigger cannot be treated as evidence of intent to take one's own life."

The Limehouse Petition Owen pledge on £70m plan

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, promised yesterday to "block at every possible juncture" controversial plans by the British Waterways Board and Hunting Gate, the developers, for a £70 million offices and luxury housing scheme for Limehouse Basin, in east London.

Dr Owen, who has lived in Limehouse for 21 years, said that local people would be "squeezed out" by the development. He supported alternative plans drawn up by the Limehouse Development Group, which would give them "part of the action".

He suggested that the London Docklands Development Corporation should create difficulties to ensure local people were given an effective voice in what was built. He believed there was concern about the official plan from within the planning committee of the development corporation.

Dr Owen was speaking in Covent Garden, central London, at the launch of the Limehouse Petition, which received an honourable mention in *The Times*/Royal Institute of Building Architects community enterprise awards presented by the Prince of Wales last week.

He said that the plan drawn up by residents had grassroots support and that it would pay the developers to compromise. "We must win the battle of public opinion," he said.

Mr Nick Wates, of the development group, said that the alternative scheme was a "test case for the nation to rebuild our shattered inner cities".

Limehouse Basin could become Britain's Baltimore, a reference to what is generally regarded as the most successful example of urban renewal in the United States.

The initial signatories to the petition include, as well as Dr Owen, Mr Peter Shore, Labour MP for Bethnal Green and Stepney and a former Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Bow and Poplar, Dr John Marks, chairman of the British Medical Association, Mr Spike Milligan, who signed himself "clown and environmentalist", and Mr Ian McKellen, the actor and director of the National Theatre, who also lives in Limehouse.

The development group has set a target of 10,000 signatories to the petition, which will be sent to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, the British Waterways Board and the development corporation.

Mr David Hall, director of the Town and Country Planning Association, said that Mr Patrick Jenkin, then Secretary of State for the Environment, had overturned his public inquiry inspector's recommendation last summer to reject the waterways board plan on "purely political grounds". He called for the deal between the board and the developers to be made public.

Mr Shore said the board's "short-term, high profit" plan should be rejected. Mr Jenkin's decision was a scandal. He called for a "death-bed repentance" by the board.

R. Seifert & Partners, the architects who drew up the plan for Hunting Gate, has issued a writ for libel against the magazine, *Time Out*, over an article which appeared about the scheme in April. *The Limehouse Petition* (from Limehouse Development Group, 10 Garsfield House, Vincent Estate, London E14 6AL; £5).

University tribute to novelist

Newcastle University yesterday announced the setting-up of a Catherine Cookson lectureship in molecular haematology to acknowledge gifts of more than £1 million from the novelist, who celebrated her eightieth birthday yesterday.

The post, in the university medical school, is the first to be established with funds from the foundation set up by Mrs Cookson, who suffers from a rare blood disorder.

Professor Laurence Martin, university vice-chancellor, said: "This lectureship marks the start of an entirely new scale of practical contributions by Mrs Cookson to the academic activities and to the welfare of the region."

The foundation was launched with more than £800,000 last December when Mrs Cookson, who lives in Northumberland, also handed over £90,000 for other medical projects.

The university said yesterday that a new gift of more than £160,000 had raised her donations to more than £1 million.

As part of her birthday celebrations, Mrs Cookson hopes to open next week an exhibition about her early life on Tyneside, the setting for most of her 64 novels.

The display, at South Shields Museum, features a replica of the frontage of the Jarrow street where she spent her childhood, and a recreation of her home kitchen as described in her autobiography, *Our Kate*.

Mrs Cookson, who helped with the design, said yesterday: "Certainly, if I am well enough, I shall be there, but I hope people will understand if I am too ill to attend."

Judge's advice on neighbours at war

The police authorities were called on in the High Court yesterday to change guidelines which recommend that warring neighbours should be made to confront each other.

Mr Raymond Kidwell, QC, sitting as deputy judge, said that it had been "imprudent" of police officers to make Egyptian-born Adel Banoub confront the neighbour who had threatened him with a knife.

But he rejected the claim by Mr Banoub, aged 40, that he was beaten up by officers from Clapham police station.

The judge said that he had sympathy for Mr Banoub, of Haysmere Road, Northolt, Middlesex, but the damages claim must fail.

The judge said that when Mr Banoub, the father of two, was taken to confront Mr James Docherty, his neighbour, in Naylor House, Albion Avenue, Clapham, south London, he was frightened and had gone "completely loopy".

Police had to restrain him, but he and Docherty were already exchanging blows, which left Mr Banoub with a broken nose, bruising and cuts.

The judge ruled that the injuries caused by Mr Docherty, who was a "violent man" who had deceived police into setting up the confrontation.

He called on the police authorities to take a careful look at the present guidelines.

Mr Banoub was ordered to pay the costs of the action.

Science report

Genetic mix key to cheetah's survival

By Dorothy Bonn

The cheetah, the world's fastest mammal, is fighting for survival, not because it is being hunted to extinction, nor because its natural habitat is being destroyed. The reason lies in the fact that the species has too little genetic variability.

Susceptibility to disease and malformations are well known in inbred domestic and laboratory animals. The cheetah's particular vulnerabilities, which include disease susceptibility and impaired fertility, amply demonstrate the importance of hybrid vigour for natural populations. Though cheetahs were once found world-wide, there are probably no more than 20,000 left, all of them confined to a few small areas of Africa.

The reasons for the animal's present plight have been disclosed by the investigations of Stephen O'Brien and colleagues, of the US National Zoological Park, when they were invited by the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa to find out why cheetahs are so difficult to breed in captivity.

The zoo had set up a cheetah breeding programme in 1971, but its efforts were persistently frustrated by the animal's low fecundity and high infant mortality rate.

The scientists discovered that the cheetah's infertility was due largely to low sperm concentration, poor sperm motility and a high proportion of mis-shaped sperm.

These findings provided the first clue to the nature of the cheetah's problem, for sperm morphology is under genetic control, and malformed sperm are a well-known feature of inbred laboratory animals and livestock.

To study genetic variability O'Brien and his colleagues examined plasma proteins, which are under genetic control, from the blood of 50 cheetahs.

The results were startling. The zoo cheetahs came from two distinct regions of southern Africa - Namibia and the Transvaal - separated by 1,800 miles of Kalahari Desert. Populations so widely separated might have been expected to show substantial genetic differences.

However, no variation was found in any of the 52 proteins examined. All the cheetahs were identical. In man and other mammals most proteins exist in more than one form, but the cheetahs showed none of the variation seen in other natural populations. Instead they demonstrated a degree of genetic homogeneity usually found only in purposely inbred species, such as laboratory mice.

The best hope for the future is that cheetahs from East Africa will be found to be somewhat different from the South African. If the two were brought together to introduce a little genetic mixing, breeding might be more successful.

Source: *Scientific American*, May 1986.

Signs in Welsh refused

Mr David Owen, Chief Constable of North Wales, yesterday turned down appeals from members of the police authority to put signs on police cars in both English and Welsh.

Speakers told Mr Owen at a meeting in Conwy Bay that signs saying "Police" and "Heddlu" would be welcomed by the Welsh community.

But Mr Owen said if he put the Welsh version on cars it would, logically, lead to further signs in Welsh too, and for say badges to be bilingual.

Members of a general purposes sub-committee of the authority decided, by 11 votes to 4, to ask Mr Owen to reconsider his decision.

'Moving' statue damaged

Ireland's best known "moving" statue, a stone image of the Virgin Mary at Ballinspittle, Co Cork, has been vandalized for a second time.

Its hands were damaged and a rosary stolen in an attack on Thursday.

A separate apparition has been claimed at another Irish Marian grotto, at Mount Mellery, Co Waterford.

People claimed they saw the sun turn pink and into the shape of a heart and then appeared to burst. Images of a bearded young man and a woman with long hair then appeared in place of the statue.

Mother in boat crash dies

A young mother died yesterday from injuries received when a speedboat crashed on a mud bank in Cardiff docks.

Mrs Linda Fry, aged 29, of St Mellons, near Cardiff, died at the city's Royal Infirmary 36 hours after the accident, in which her son, aged three and another boy, aged two, were killed.

Missing boy's death inquiry

An inquest into the death of Colin Maxwell, aged 13, whose body was found fully clothed in a garden in Streatham, south London, last weekend, was opened and adjourned at Southwark yesterday.

Colin had been missing for two years and the police are treating his death as suspicious.

Mayor's vote saves Alliance

The Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance has managed to retain control of the London borough of Sutton, but only with the casting vote of the mayor, after Conservatives won three vacant seats on Thursday night.

The Alliance now has 28 seats, compared with 21 held by the Conservatives and seven by Labour.

Church fire

A fire, believed to have begun accidentally, has caused damage worth thousands of pounds at the twelfth century St James's Church, Normanton on Soar, Nottinghamshire.

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PARLIAMENT JUNE 20 1986 Civil servants and unions

Minister rejects 'vindictive' charge from Opposition

Disciplinary action had been taken against 13 members of staff at GCHQ who had rejoined trade unions and another three were subject to disciplinary action in the next few weeks, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons when replying to a private notice question from Dr Oonagh McDonald, an Opposition spokesman.

He pointed out that the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) had made a statement to the House on March 19 in which he had warned that the few who had at first accepted the revised conditions of service at GCHQ and had then rejoined would be subject to disciplinary action if they failed to honour their original undertakings.

Letters had now been sent to the 13 informing them of the penalties to be imposed. GCHQ had also warned that so long as their conduct was subject to a private notice question from Dr Oonagh McDonald, an Opposition spokesman.

GCHQ therefore proposed to seek suitable alternative posts for them elsewhere in the home civil service in which they could continue their union membership if they wished.

Meanwhile, so long as they remained at GCHQ, if they became eligible for promotion their conduct would have to be taken into account, they would not be considered for overseas postings and they would be ineligible for inclusion in the proposed restructuring.

More than 99 per cent of GCHQ staff had accepted and complied with the revised conditions of service. Morale was high and restructuring was

going ahead in consultation with the staff federation.

Dr McDonald said the method of informing the civil servants concerned was quite inadequate and only five of the 13 had received the letters mentioned by the minister.

The penalties were much more severe than the Government wished to pretend. For senior civil servants the fine would amount to between £3,000 and £4,500. They would suffer from the continuing pressure to take alternative jobs in the civil service and from continuing threats of further disciplinary action which would make it more difficult for them to perform their duties.

The threat of continuing disciplinary action represented a renegeing on the assurance given by Sir Geoffrey Howe in his statement in March that this was the only action union members would have to face.

The Opposition believed that disciplinary action of this kind should not be used against civil servants solely on the grounds that they were trade union members. It was entirely objectionable.

Was it not wrong for the Government to pursue this action while the question of trade union membership at GCHQ had still to be considered by the European Court of Human Rights?

This action would damage morale at GCHQ and throughout the whole civil service. There was deep anger and resentment in the civil service up and down the country.

Mr Renton said letters to all the people involved had been posted at the same time. The actual details of the penalties were matters for the director and management of GCHQ.

Proper notice of the date of the disciplinary board's meeting to consider their behaviour had been given to all the employees concerned but none chose to attend.

It was quite incorrect to say these penalties were in any way a renegeing on what the Foreign Secretary had said.

The admissibility of the case before the European Court was still to be decided and the case could be very lengthy. There was no general practice of any government refraining from taking action pending such decisions.

Morale at GCHQ was high and Dr McDonald would do better to encourage the 99 per cent of staff who had accepted the new conditions of service at GCHQ and the staff federation. Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C) said there would have been a very simple way of avoiding this situation and that was if the staff had not gone back on their word.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L): The action goes directly in the face of assurances given to the unions by the Foreign Secretary some months ago. Even if it is a small minority of people, they have civil rights too.

Mr Renton: The management of GCHQ and ministers have taken great time and patience in considering the case. No undertaking was given by the Foreign Secretary that no further disciplinary action would be taken following the present round.

As long as the rejoiners failed to resign from unions they were in breach of conditions of service and must remain subject to disciplinary procedure.

Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West, Lab): The announcement is bad, spiteful and vindictive. Mr Renton: I disagree.

No cause for concern about food in shops

There was no reason for anyone to be concerned about the safety of food in the shops, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, emphasized in announcing the Government's decision to impose a three weeks ban on the movement and slaughter of hill sheep.

The latest batch of results from the ministry's extensive monitoring of all foodstuffs likely to be affected as a result of the Chernobyl accident presented a satisfactory picture overall, he said.

However, the monitoring of young unfinished lambs not yet ready for market in certain areas of Cumbria and North Wales indicated higher levels of radio-caesium than in the rest of the country. These were the areas of high rainfall during the weekend of May 2-3.

These levels would diminish before the animals were marketed, but he had decided to use the powers in the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 to make certain that when these lambs were marketed they would be below the internationally recommended action levels for radio-caesium of 1,000 becquerels per kilogramme.

An order to come into effect today would prohibit for the next 21 days the movement and slaughter of sheep within the two areas designated in south-west Cumbria and parts of North Wales, enabling the close monitoring of the sheep-flock in those areas.

The areas subject to restriction would be reduced as soon as monitoring results, based on a rigorous sampling programme, confirmed the expected fall in levels. Testing was also being undertaken in Scotland and Northern Ireland, where similar restrictions would be imposed if necessary.

The main season for market-

ing young lamb from the destocking areas would not start until July. If necessary the Government would be prepared to discuss cases of compensation for severe loss in particular circumstances to specific farmers.

Mr Brynmor John, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, asked if there was likely to be any radio-caesium effect upon cattle and for a category assurance that there had been no effect upon milk supplies in particular.

Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab): Can the Minister guarantee that the irradiation results exclusively from the Chernobyl accident are sent a satisfactory picture overall, he said.

Mr John Home Robertson, for the Opposition: This statement will arouse considerable concern and uncertainty among consumers and farmers north of the border. Alarm is inevitably going to be aroused whether the Minister likes it or not.

The Government should have given advice to farmers to bring livestock indoors while the radioactive rain was falling in this country. What guarantees are there that calves and humans have not picked up more than they should have got?

Mr Jopling: Testing is proceeding in Scotland and Northern Ireland. It would have been impractical on the mountains and hills of the Lakeland District to house the sheep indoors during that period.

© The Building Societies Bill was read a second time in the House of Lords.

South Africa violence continues as conference demands action

Babies reported dead from tear gas after forces attack church

By Paul Valley
South African security forces made a tear gas attack on a church in the town of Kwa-thema in which several babies and one child died on Thursday...

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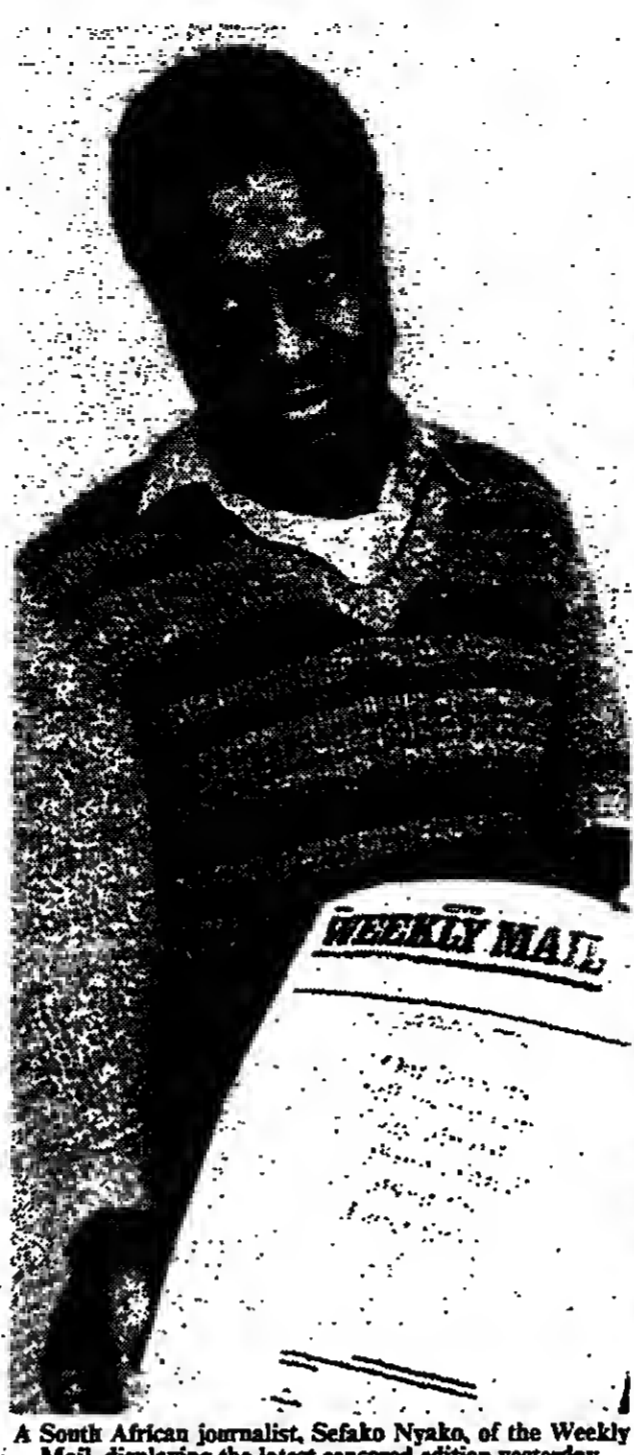
Magdalen has become the sixth Oxford college to withdraw its accounts from Barclays Bank because of the bank's connections with South Africa...

agencies and pressure groups. One group, the International Defence and Aid Fund, has analysed the names of 1,032 of the detainees...

What is clear from the reports is the wide area over which the arrests have been made, said Mr Brian Brown, Africa Secretary of the British Council of Churches.

In past years they have been from the main urban areas in and around Soweto. Now they are from all over the country...

There is now clearly a nationwide resistance to apartheid. This is a clear change in the nature of the South African body politic.



A South African journalist, Sefako Nyako, of the Weekly Mail, displaying the latest censored edition yesterday.

Chernobyl death toll 'unlikely to rise immediately'

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The "immediate" death toll of 26 from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster is not likely to rise much, according to a British cancer expert touring hospitals and medical institutes in the Soviet Union.

His forecast about the immediate as opposed to long-term death toll came as the American United Press International news agency announced that it was withdrawing from its Moscow bureau...

Professor Boag is one of 15 British doctors and health workers who belong to the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons pressure group.

He said that after speaking with doctors, he realized that the April 26 accident in the Ukraine had been "a devastating catastrophe" for the Soviet Union.

The Soviet authorities say the Chernobyl death toll stands at 26, with 187 victims still in hospital, 10 in a serious condition.

A number of the worst-affected, firemen without protective clothing who fought the initial blaze, were recently shown on television. They had lost all their hair.

Although the British delegation is affiliated to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, a group much favoured by the Kremlin, they have not been permitted to visit Moscow's Hospital Number Six, where the most serious cases are being treated.

One of the group told me that Dr Leonid Ilyin, head of radiation safety in the Soviet Union, said recently that the building, visited earlier this month by American doctors, was "a hospital and not a museum".

One of the Americans, Dr Michael McCally, of the University of Chicago, said last week that the victims looked like the survivors of Hiroshima, with burns, and bleeding beneath the skin.

He also said the Chernobyl disaster had nearly overwhelmed the Soviet medical system, a judgment confirmed by the British experts.

The British doctors were told during talks this week in Moscow and Leningrad that the report of the official investigation into the Chernobyl disaster was due to be published later this month.

It is keenly awaited in scientific circles abroad, which expect it to provide the definitive answer to the mystery of why the accident occurred.

During their Moscow talks, the British medical team was told that the Anglo-Soviet medical exchange agreement, broken off in protest at the intervention of Soviet troops in Afghanistan in 1979, would be resumed later this year.

Turkey given signal by EEC

Ankara - M Claude Cheysson, the EEC Commissioner for Mediterranean Affairs and North-South dialogue, said here yesterday that nothing would prevent the normalization of EEC ties with Turkey, suspended after the 1980 military coup (Rasit Gurudik writes).

M Cheysson, who has had extensive talks with Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, and Mr Vahit Haliloglu, the Foreign Minister, also emphasized that Turkey was free to apply for full membership status "when and how it deems fit".

Although Turkey's return to democracy had not yet been completed, "there has been an undeniable progress", which he said was also visible in the country's performance on human rights.

Artificial heart man is dead

Washington - Murray Haydon, the third person ever to receive a permanent artificial heart, has died after surviving 16 months and two days, much of it with impaired physical and mental functions because of several strokes (Christopher Thomas writes).

Louise saves her bacon

Hanover (Reuters) - Louise, the world's only drug-sniffing police pig, has been let back into the Lower Saxony force after suspension and has been promoted to "SWS" - short for Schnifferhundschwein, the German for "sniffer pig".

King ill

Amman (Reuters) - King Hussein of Jordan underwent successful surgery for a minor ear ailment in London, the official Jordanian news agency, Petra, said.

Drugs swoop

Paris (AP) - More than 1,000 police moved through the Paris region, the north and the extreme north-west in a 24-hour drug swoop, checking the identity of more than 5,500 people and arresting 15.

Champion gift

Moscow (Reuters) - The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, and his challenger, Anatoly Karpov, have agreed to give the proceeds of their rematch this summer to the Soviet fund for the victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

Crisis vote

The state of emergency in Sri Lanka has been extended for one more month by a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

Families sue

Tokyo (Reuters) - Families of some of the victims of last year's Japan Air Lines crash in Japan, in which 520 died, will file their first group damages suit in the US next month.

Sea search

Tokyo (AP) - Japan will launch a decade-long search by submarine next year for rare metals in international waters, concentrating on a cobalt-rich crust of the Pacific seabed near Hawaii.

Film probe

Moscow (Reuters) - The official Soviet film-makers' union has formed a commission to look into more than 25 films banned by the censors in the past 20 years, to see why they had not been released.

Emir's charge

Cairo (Reuters) - Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, has accused saboteurs of causing a series of explosions which damaged the Gulf state's main oil export refinery this week.

Eastern jazz

Moscow (Reuters) - The Vyacheslav Ganelin Trio, one of the better-known names in Soviet jazz, will be performing to the United States and Canada in a four-week tour taking in a dozen big cities.

Grannie crook

Bonn (AFP) - A grandmother visiting her son in Bangkok smuggled 4th of pure heroin for him in her luggage on a flight to Paris for a payment of 10,000 marks (£3,000) Bild Zeitung reported.

All change

At least 27 of the independent candidates elected to Parliament in the May 7 polls have joined the pro-government Jatiyo party.

UN meeting seeks heavy sanctions

Paris (AP) - A world conference on sanctions against South Africa ended yesterday with a call for sweeping, mandatory economic measures against the Pretoria Government.

A declaration adopted by representatives of more than 120 nations taking part in the meeting said the alternative to sanctions was escalating violence and bloodshed in the country.

New view on man in Americas

From A Correspondent, Rio de Janeiro

French and Brazilian scientists working in the backlands of north-eastern Brazil have concluded after more than a decade of research that human beings inhabited this region of South America as long as 33,000 years ago.

The find "puts into question" existing theories about when and how sapiens sapiens - or man as we know him - arrived in the Americas, according to Dr Anne-Marie Pessis, an anthropologist.

For years, scientists have adhered to the theory that human beings migrated east, from Asia via the Bering Straits, and arrived in the Americas not more than 15,000 years ago. "Now we have to rethink all of this," Dr Pessis said.

She is a specialist in prehistoric anthropology, and a member of the Franco-Brazilian research team, led by the aged anthropologist and naturalist, Dr Niède Godon. The investigations centred on numerous archaeological sites, deep in the arid state of Piaui, containing a series of colourful rock paintings, stone and bone tools, hearths, and other relics.

Kohl looks to EEC summit

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, who is under pressure to take some action about South Africa, yesterday confined himself to saying that he was going to make sure that it was "a main theme" of the EEC summit in The Hague.

His office made this known after unofficial, but authoritative-seeming, reports that he was about to propose that the heads of government of Britain, the United States, France and West Germany should hold a special summit.

The Chancellor's office said he had not given up the idea, but that he was seeking, "for the time being", EEC agreement about what action should be taken.

The chief government spokesman, Herr Friedrich Ost, said yesterday that Chancellor Kohl had had a telephone conversation with next week's EEC summit host, the Dutch Prime Minister, Mr Ruud Lubbers.

Defendants break up Achille Lauro trial

Genoa (AP) - The third day of the Achille Lauro hijacking trial ended abruptly in uproar yesterday, when two of the Palestinian defendants started yelling menacingly across the courtroom.

The prosecutor, Signor Luigi Carli, looked shaken and refused to say whether he or any other official had been threatened during the shouting session. He hurried out of the courtroom.

The court interpreter was ordered not to translate for reporters what the defendants had shouted in Arabic. But it was clear that at least one object of the defendants' anger was a third defendant, Mr Ahmad Marrouf al-Assadi, who has co-operated with the prosecutors.

Mr al-Assadi had earlier testified that Mr Youssef Magied al-Molqi - accused of killing Mr Leon Klinghoffer and ordering the crew of the Italian cruise ship to dump his body overboard - had wanted to kill the wife of the wheelchair-bound New Yorker.

During the commotion, court policemen surrounded and tried to subdue Mr al-Molqi. Mr Ibrahim Fatayer

France's five bank raids a day baffle security chiefs

Attacks on French banks are now taking place at the rate of five every day they are open - six times the rate in England and Wales.

There were 1,664 armed hold-ups at French banks last year, 25 per cent more than the previous year, and nearly twice as many as five years earlier. That compares with 252 bank robberies in England and Wales in 1984, the latest figures available.

Only this week a gangster was shot dead and a policeman seriously injured after a hold-up on a bank on the outskirts of Paris.

Despite all the modern detection and alarm systems introduced in recent years, only one in four bank robbers is caught within 12 months of a hold-up, and half are ever caught.

Bank staff are normally advised not to offer any resistance as the gunmen are usually in a highly excitable state.

Sometimes it almost seems too simple. Last month, a man in his 60s, known to the local police as 'le père tranquille', strolled into a bank near Rennes and took 20,000 francs (nearly £2,000) without even bothering to show his gun.

It was his seventh bank robbery in the area within three years, and the third time

France's five bank raids a day baffle security chiefs

From Diana Giddes, Paris in six months that he had held up the same bank. He is always scrupulously polite.

On a previous occasion, he had left the bank saying: "I shall return, I haven't enough." When he did reappear on May 29, the cashier was so terrified that he simply handed over the money without waiting to see the muzzle of the gun. "Thank you," the old man said, "this is the last time. I won't be back again."

In a bid to beat the automatic cameras now installed in virtually all banks, a new style of hold-up has developed in France over the past few years, involving the "gang des postiches" or "false hairpiece gang", so called because of their use of false moustaches, beards and wigs as well as hats and sometimes carnival masks.

Since the gang's first appearance in September 1981, they and their numerous emulators have carried out more than 100 hold-ups and have broken into more than 6,000 privately-rented safes in banks. Their takings in their first three years of operation are estimated at about £70 million.

Professional gangs are increasingly taking hostages during their raids. In a particularly spectacular attack in March, six masked gunmen got away with a record £29 million francs (£2.7 million) in cash from a branch of the Bank of France at Niort after amushing the concierge as he arrived at 6.45am to empty dustbins.

Argentina prepared to negotiate

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, said yesterday that "though there has been no new initiative", Switzerland remains ready to help his country and Britain restore normal relations.

"Our Government is prepared for talks without excluding any problem," he said, referring to Britain's refusal to discuss the question of sovereignty over the Falklands.

He was speaking after a 90-minute meeting with the Swiss Foreign Minister, Mr Pierre Aubert.

Señor Caputo, who arrived from Washington on Thursday evening, and was later to go on to Paris, said that even if there were no specific new element, "we are ready to embark on talks with the United Kingdom". His press conference had been arranged before he left the US.

"I wish once again to assert that Argentina envisages only one way of resolving the Malvinas problem - through diplomacy and negotiations, a peaceful solution.

This, he pointed out, was the thrust of the most recent UN resolution, which also looked to the islands' political future. The vote had been 107 for and four against - Britain, the Solomon Islands, Belize and Oman.

Washington view

The right hopes it can at last court favour

Do the changes in the Supreme Court herald the long-awaited conservative revolution in America?

It has long been the aim of President Reagan and the New Right, proclaimed in fervent campaign speeches, to restore conservative values to American society, stem the liberalism that brought in its wake the evils of abortion, bussing, pornography, reverse discrimination and institutionalized atheism.

The agenda was proclaimed during the first term. The country was galvanized, the enthusiasts placed in key positions. But the legislation had to wait the Administration was preoccupied with the economy and the defence build-up.

It was when a triumphant Mr Reagan swept back into power for the second term that the conservatives' hopes rose. Mr Edwin Meese, their heavyweight champion, was moved to the Justice Department. Surely now he would implement the revolution.

But it has not happened. The Administration has discovered, with some chagrin, that however impressive its popular mandate, it has to work within a system of checks and balances. Congress has been half-hearted at best about the conservatives' more visionary goals.

The Senate, even with a Republican majority, has opposed the New Right on important appointments, such as the proposed promotion of Mr William Reynolds, the controversial head of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

The Democratic-controlled House has blocked or watered down plans to dismantle affirmative action schemes, reintroduce school prayers and cut back programmes for the poor.

But it is the courts that have dealt the Administration the most telling rebuffs, with the Supreme Court in particular frustrating some of Mr Reagan's most cherished goals.

None, perhaps, is more important to him and to the right than the overthrow of the 1973 ruling which legalized abortion.

But the justices' decisive reaffirmation last week of a woman's right to an abortion, albeit by a smaller majority, prompted the Administration's top lawyer to admit it would be "futile" to continue badgering the court on this issue.

The court has also failed to give Mr Reagan clear-cut victories on other emotive issues. On affirmative action, it last month threw out a scheme that allowed black teachers in Indianapolis to keep their jobs while more senior whites were laid off.

But it upheld the principle of affirmative action, firmly rejecting the Meese argument that special efforts should be made only for those who were the personal victims of past discrimination.

Hindus die as Punjab talks stall

Delhi (Reuters) - Sikh extremists killed six people and injured 12 in Punjab yesterday, as last-minute talks to salvage a crucial land-swap with neighbouring Haryana state appeared to be deadlocked.

Extremists struck three times in the troubled north Indian state while politicians in Delhi tried to iron out problems which threaten to block Haryana's scheduled handover to Punjab today of their joint capital, Chandigarh.

The Press Trust of India said 12 people were wounded when the Sikhs opened fire with revolvers and sub-machineguns on shoppers in a market in Nakodar, a central Punjab town.

Hours later a police sub-inspector was shot dead as he drove home from a cremation ground with his father's ashes. In a third attack, two gunmen drove up to a village office of the Punjab State Electricity Board near Amritsar, the Sikh holy city, and shot dead five Hindus inside in a burst of revolver and sub-machinegun fire.

Air pollution estimate may be too high

Oslo - Britain may be sending less than half as much sulphur pollution to Norway than was previously thought, the head of research at the Meteorological Institute here said yesterday.

Professor Anton Eliassen said previous estimates had taken insufficient account of seasonal variations in the way emissions from power stations and industry were absorbed into the environment, and models based on the new calculations suggested that in 1954, for example, British sulphur falling on Norway had totalled 16,000 tonnes.

Washington view

The right hopes it can at last court favour

Do the changes in the Supreme Court herald the long-awaited conservative revolution in America?

It has long been the aim of President Reagan and the New Right, proclaimed in fervent campaign speeches, to restore conservative values to American society, stem the liberalism that brought in its wake the evils of abortion, bussing, pornography, reverse discrimination and institutionalized atheism.

The agenda was proclaimed during the first term. The country was galvanized, the enthusiasts placed in key positions. But the legislation had to wait the Administration was preoccupied with the economy and the defence build-up.

It was when a triumphant Mr Reagan swept back into power for the second term that the conservatives' hopes rose. Mr Edwin Meese, their heavyweight champion, was moved to the Justice Department. Surely now he would implement the revolution.

Warrant for man sought in bomb case

By Richard Ford
A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of a man wanted for questioning in connection with a public house bombing in London.

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Guerrillas' death toll in Peruvian prison battles may reach 350

Lima (Reuters) — The Peruvian military said at least 154 left-wing guerrilla prisoners were killed in battles for two Lima jails, and more bodies remained to be recovered from the ruins of the island prison of El Frontón.

Government and police sources said the total death toll could be as high as 350 after Thursday's fighting, in which troops used anti-tank missiles and rockets to break up the prisoners' concrete and brick barricades.

Earlier official estimates said more than 400 died. A military communiqué said three soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in the fighting.

It said 124 guerrillas were killed at Lurigancho, to the east of Lima, many of them hanged or asphyxiated in the fortifications they had built in the prison exercise yard.

At El Frontón, where fighting raged most of the day, the military said 30 bodies had been recovered and more lay in the ruins of the tunnels and galleries the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas had built during their three-year stay.

The guerrillas also killed a number of common criminals who tried to surrender during the fighting.

A government source said

earlier that almost all the guerrilla inmates of El Frontón died in the fighting.

Official figures issued a month ago put the number of Sendero prisoners on the island at around 300, but lawyers for the families of the inmates said it had dropped in recent weeks and could have been as low as 170 at the time of the fighting.

They said some prisoners had been released and some moved to other prisons in Lima.

The military said that because of damage done to the prison by the guerrillas, it was impossible to say how many bodies lay in the ruins.

The guerrillas had built a warren on the island, complete with escape routes to the sea.

Much of this was destroyed in the fighting, in which the guerrillas used automatic rifles, sub-machine guns and explosives.

The impunity with which convicted Sendero leaders continued to organize and send instructions from the island prison had been a cause for concern to senior military officers for some time.

Sendero prisoners were isolated from other inmates when they were sent to El Frontón and Lurigancho, and

they set up no-go areas in the jails, intimidating guards.

Family visitors smuggled in arms, bricks and concrete in food parcels and in their clothes, and over the years the guerrillas received enough materials to build formidable defences.

No information was given about the fate of several hostages seized at the two prisons and the women's jail of Santa Bárbara, where another revolt was put down on Thursday with the loss of two guerrilla lives.

The prisons have been declared restricted military zones under the state of emergency in force in Lima since February.

Dr María Huatay, spokeswoman for the Association of Democratic Lawyers of Peru, a group representing the inmates' families, said: "(President Alan) García has given carte blanche for the armed forces to kill."

She said the families feared they would not be given back the bodies of their dead, and that they would be buried in common graves.

The crushing of the revolts was a big blow to Sendero, which has spread its insurgency out of its strongholds in the mountainous south-central region of Ayacucho.



Residents of Santiago queuing to draw water from a city-centre fountain yesterday, as much of the Chilean capital remained without piped water supplies after heavy flooding earlier in the week.

Nasa drops 'unsafe' rocket

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Space science has suffered a big reverse because of Nasa's decision, on grounds of safety, to abandon a controversial plan to use a highly volatile liquid-fuelled rocket to launch scientific and Defence Department payloads from the shuttle.

The Centaur Upper Stage rocket was due to have boosted two high-priority planetary

missions from Earth's orbit last month.

Mr James Fletcher, the Nasa Administrator, said on Thursday that the Centaur "would not meet safety criteria" now being applied to the shuttle and its cargo, even though the booster had been modified as a result of continuing concerns.

His decision was influenced partly by congressional concern for safety, and studies

done following the January 28 Challenger shuttle explosion.

Future planetary missions and some large classified Defence Department satellites would probably be launched instead by unmanned rockets, officials said.

The missions immediately affected are the Galileo spacecraft to explore Jupiter and the European Space Agency's Ulysses spacecraft to orbit and study the sun.

Hailsham praises Greek role

From Mario Mediano
Athens

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, believes that but for the Greeks, the architects of European culture and values, a mosque might have stood today on the site of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Speaking here yesterday during the ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the British School in Athens, he paid glowing tribute to the role of ancient Hellas in the creation of the Byzantine Empire, which had held Saracens and Turks at bay for 1,000 years after the fall of Rome.

"If the muezzin does not ooze sound on Ludgate Hill instead of the bells of St Paul's," he said, "we must recognize that this is largely due to the martial courage and skills of the Byzantine emperors and their troops, who held the gates of Europe just long enough to civilize our own coarse and sometimes brutal ancestors."

For this, as well as for democracy — the only system of government that still held out hope — and their passion for freedom, the Greeks deserved the gratitude of every civilized European and every "perceptive Christian".

"In Hellas, Europe was born; Europe with all her virtues and some of her faults," he said.

The centenary celebrations were inaugurated by Miss Melina Mercouri, the Greek Minister of Culture.

Anglo-US fighter research goes ahead

From Rodney Cowton
Cherry Point
North Carolina

The British and American Governments will soon place research contracts that could lead to the controversial development of super-sonic jets to succeed the Harriers, used by the Royal Navy and Air Force and the US Marine Corps.

It is argued that, in war, airfield runways could be so vulnerable to attack that the only effective aircraft may be those that are not dependent on fixed runways, such as the Harriers, which can make very short take-offs and vertical landings.

Despite this argument, the European and American air forces are both developing fighters — the European Fighter Aircraft and the top-secret US Advanced Tactical Fighter — which would need runways, though much shorter than those needed by the previous generations of fighters.

The US Marine Corps yesterday demonstrated here how it can operate its Harriers from short stretches of country road or small clearings.

The Marines were flying the advanced AV 8B Harrier II, which is being produced under a £7 billion collaborative programme between McDonnell-Douglas in America and British Aerospace and Rolls Royce, for which more than 40 per cent of the work is being done by British industry. These aircraft can carry nearly twice the load of weapons or provide twice the range of the first generation of Harriers, which were outstandingly successful with the British forces during the Falklands conflict.

But even this latest version of the Harrier is subsonic, probably operating at under 550mph, only about the same speed as a civil airliner. The Marines hope eventually to have 328 of these advanced Harriers. The RAF already has 62 on order and is likely to order another 18.

Earlier this year the British and American Governments signed a memorandum of understanding for a five-year research programme into alternative methods of propulsion, aimed at providing a short take-off and vertical landing aircraft capable of reaching speeds of more than 1,000mph.

Dr David Kirkpatrick of the British Embassy in Washington said that contracts for this research would be placed shortly with British and American companies.

Secret hearing for Shin Bet man's petition

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Meeting behind closed doors, the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday heard a petition by Mr Rafi Malka, a former senior officer of Shin Bet, the counter-intelligence agency.

Mr Malka complained in the petition about the way he had been dismissed from the service, and called for the suspension of Mr Avraham Shalom, the agency's chief.

After a four-hour hearing, the case was adjourned until Monday, with the court ruling that only the fact that the process was under way could be published. All stories relating to the case had to be submitted to the Government censor, who also banned publication of pictures on security grounds.

Mr Malka was one of three Shin Bet officers who complained to the former Attorney-General, Mr Yitzhak Zamir, about the behaviour of Mr Shalom when two Palestinian hijackers died two years ago in Shin Bet custody. The three were subsequently dismissed, and Mr Malka then brought his case before the High Court.

At earlier stages of the proceedings Mr Zamir, as Attorney-General, had refused to appear for the Shin Bet chief, but at yesterday's hearing Mr Shalom was represented by Mr Yosef Harish, the new Attorney-General.

Prosecutors in the State Attorney's office plan to disrupt court proceedings tomorrow, in protest at what they claim is a campaign against three senior attorneys who had helped Mr Zamir to prepare his demand for an inquiry into the Shin Bet affair.

Three female members of the State Attorney's office were reportedly referred to recently as "Zamir's Amazons" during a meeting of the inner Cabinet. Several inner Cabinet members are known to have been unhappy that State Attorney prosecutors had prepared the case against the "Jewish Underground" extremists, as well as investigating the Shin Bet affair.

Soviet plane on show

Western journalists inspecting a Soviet reconnaissance plane at Managua airport, which was said by President Reagan to have provided Nicaragua with "a significant advance in its military and intelligence capabilities".

The journalists were told that the aircraft, an Antonov 30, had been rented from a Soviet company to do nothing more than conduct a cartographic survey of the country (Alan Tomlinson writes).

Mr Reagan, who is seeking bipartisan support in Congress for \$100 million (£66 million) in aid to Nicaraguan rebels known as Contras, on Monday described deployment of the plane as "another significant step" in Soviet arms supplies to the left-wing Sandinista Government.

Viewing of the aircraft was organized by the Institute of Territorial Studies, Nicaragua's map-making institution, the director of which, Señor Alejandro Rodríguez, said the Soviet Union had provided credit to hire it.

"The cartography of our country is seriously out of date," he said. "Many of our maps are 20 years old."

Nicaragua's own aerial survey aircraft was too old for the task and the country lacked hard currency to hire the American firm which conducted the surveys until 1982.

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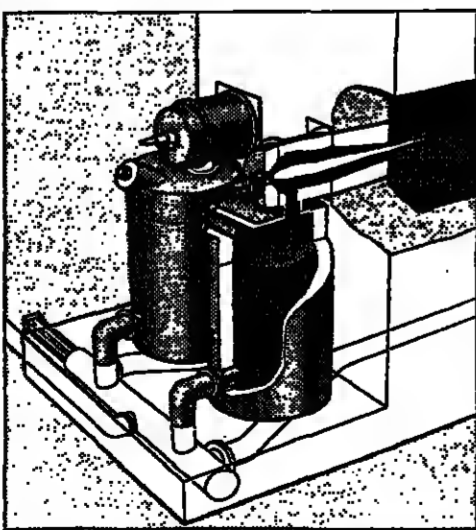
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Crucial poll tests for European Socialist premiers

Suárez the main attraction

From Richard Wigg, Avila, Spain

Señor Adolfo Suárez, the former Prime Minister, who began Spain's successful transition to democracy ten years ago, has proved to be by far the best one-man attraction in the campaign for tomorrow's general election.

Señor Suárez's three-week, one-man effort — stomping the country, travelling in a tiny bus or tourist class on commercial flights — has contrasted sharply with the American presidential-style appearances of Señor Felipe González, the Socialist leader, who uses an executive jet and briefly addresses big city rallies.

Starting from this medieval walled town, Señor Suárez was yesterday the last night allowed for campaigning — giving through his native Avila, making it clear that his main aim is to prevent the Socialists winning an absolute majority for a second time in the 350-seat Spanish Parliament.

Avila offers an almost perfect illustration of how the Socialists won their historic victory in the 1982 general election. In the preceding contest, won by Señor Suárez in 1979, his Centre Democratic Party took all three seats. In 1982 Señor Suárez held only

one seat for his new Democratic and Social Centre Party; the Socialists won one for the first time, reflecting an advance vital for them in an agricultural region and the third seat went to the Popular Alliance of Señor Manuel Fraga, the former Franco minister.

The Socialists to power have been enormously weak



Señor González: worried about the young voters

with the strong, and enormously strong with the weak. Señor Suárez declared to roars of applause in Avila's bullring, which was filled without any fussing.

Señor Suárez emphasizes how he fulfilled his promise to give Spain democracy, and alone stood up to the Civil Guard colonel when he burst into Parliament, brandishing a

pistol, during the extreme right-wing coup attempt in 1981.

This he contrasts with the Socialists' broken promise to create 800,000 new jobs. Employment during their term has climbed to 22 per cent and Spain's seven big private banks achieved a record 40 per cent increase in profits in 1985.

But Señor Suárez's biggest crowd-puller has been his promise, should he get elected, to cut Spain's national service to three months. Young people in the bullring showed interest, and when the former Premier asks "what are they doing in the barracks now, the rest of their time?" the crowd roars "nothing."

Señor González, who visited Barcelona, Seville, and Madrid in the last hours of campaigning, has dismissed all this as the "demagogic promises of a man who knows he will never have to govern". But Socialist attacks on Señor Suárez show that he worries them, for his appeal is precisely to the centre vote.

Franco, indoctrinated the Spanish people with the belief that the danger was from the left. But the paradoxical result of his 40-year rule has been that a majority of Spaniards fear the right. Awareness of this underlay Señor González's "long march" from Marxist socialism to winning centrist votes in 1982.

Ironically, the challenge to the Socialists' record in office

now comes from Señor Suárez, the small-town court clerk's boy who started his political career working his way up through the ranks of Franco's National Movement.

During the campaign he has been attacked for harking back to the radical origins of the Falangist movement, but evidently many ordinary Spaniards see in him a lot of their own evolution towards democracy.

Señor González is mainly worried about those under 25, who make up six million of the 30 million electorate. This age group accounts for almost half of Spain's three million unemployed. Señor Suárez has been getting loud applause at meetings by castigating the Socialists' "resignation" in the face of this social blight.

Señor González has sought to answer Señor Suárez's criticisms by claiming that the Socialists offer the only possible progressive government, and has warned of the risk of political instability if they do not win again.

In Melilla, one of Spain's North African enclaves, leaders of the local Muslim population plan to hold a "parallel election" tomorrow, limited to their community, to protest at the local authority's reluctance to accord many local Muslims Spanish nationality.

Only about 7,000 Muslims are Spanish citizens, theoretically eligible to vote, of the 27,000 Muslims living in the enclave.

Tenth Eta bomb hits hotel in Marbella

From Harry Debellus, Madrid

A bomb, believed to be part of the Basque anti-tourist terror campaign, has wrecked a room at the luxurious Los Monteros Hotel in the Costa del Sol resort of Marbella, but caused no injuries.

The device, the tooth to explode in a Spanish hotel in less than four weeks, went off on Thursday night.

In Seville, where the previous terrorist blast occurred, at the four-star Macarena Hotel on Thursday morning, a Spanish businessman remained in hospital yesterday, recovering from injuries.

Eta (Basque Homeland and Liberty) said last month that it would carry out a campaign of violence to damage the Spanish economy. It wants the Basque region to secede from Spain and become an independent Marxist state.

BILBAO: Spanish authorities said that three suspected members of Eta's military wing were arrested in Decio, near this northern Spanish town on Thursday night, after they allegedly threw a grenade at two civil guards (AFP reports).

No injuries were reported in the incident. Officials said a fourth suspect escaped, and that the arrests led to the seizure of a cache of Eta weapons in Bilbao.



Chief Justice-designate William Rehnquist talking to the press in Washington after his appointment was announced.

Gadaffi says he is still in control

Tripoli (UPI) — The Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, in his first interview with a Western reporter since the US air raid in April, accused President Reagan of trying to kill him, and said reconciliation with the United States was impossible as long as Mr Reagan was in office.

"I have nothing to say to him," Colonel Gadaffi said. "because he (Reagan) is mad. He is foolish. He is an Israeli dog."

Since the raid, Colonel Gadaffi has been seen only rarely. His failure to appear at last week's anniversary marking the departure of US forces from Wheelus Air Base in 1970 prompted rumours that he was ill, psychologically unbalanced or under the control of fellow officers.

But he denied that he was sick, damaged or in danger of losing power. "As you can see I am fine," he said.

Western reporters invited to cover the anniversary, watched a rambling, two-hour televised speech by Colonel Gadaffi, during which he had bags under his eyes and fatigue lines on his face.

"When I made that speech, I was very tired. It was Ramadan, the end of Ramadan," he said, referring to the Muslim month of fasting.

Craxi faces threat of coalition row

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Regional elections in Sicily tomorrow are being seen as of crucial importance, as fears grow of a quarrel between the two main coalition partners which could prove fatal to Signor Bettino Craxi's unprecedented stay of nearly three years as Prime Minister.

Signor Craxi concedes that "if something does not change the fall of the Government is inevitable".

He was thinking mainly of his relationship with the Christian Democrats, theoretically his allies in the five-party coalition. Relations between the Christian Democrats and the country's first Socialist Prime Minister have been deteriorating fast for several weeks.

Signor Craxi says that the tension began a year ago at the close of the presidential election, but the bitterness has only now become public. One of the reasons is that about four million people vote in Sicily tomorrow, and Signor Craxi hopes that the Socialist Party there will emerge substantially strengthened.

Should this happen, the Italian political scene will have changed. The Socialists are a strong party in terms of

power, but they have been poor vote-getters, usually winning only about one-third of the mass vote won by the Christian Democrats.

This difference accounts for Signor Craxi's suspicion that the Christian Democrats want him out as Prime Minister when he finishes his term of office in a matter of weeks. He firmly denied on television on Wednesday night that there was any gentlemen's agreement that he should do so.

He is also angered by what he feels to be the Christian Democrats' view of themselves as the pivotal party, with their smaller allies occasionally allowed a turn at a tiller which must eventually return to them.

This rivalry between the two leading parties in the coalition has its direct relevance to the Sicilian situation. The island's semi-autonomous administration is led by a Christian Democrat. Signor Craxi said during the campaign that he would like to see Sicily adopt the Rome pattern, and give the leadership of the administration to a Socialist.

But their candidate, Signor Salvatore Lauricella, is an ex-minister well advanced in years, while the present Sicilian leader, the Christian Democrat Signor Renato Nicolosi, is young and represents a comparatively advanced wing of the party.

Signor Ciriaco de Mita, the national head of the Christian Democrat Party, has twice mentioned Signor Lauricella during the campaign; he compared him to a mummy, and on another occasion said that he thought that he had been dead for some time. Surprises in tomorrow's vote will, in this atmosphere, certainly make their effect felt in Rome.



Signor Craxi: Tension with allies began a year ago.

FBI agent convicted as spy for Russians

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Richard Miller, the first FBI agent in history accused of espionage, has been convicted of six counts of spying and passing secrets to the Soviet Union by a jury here.

After four days of deliberations the jury ruled late on Thursday that Miller, aged 47, had passed classified documents, in exchange for promises of \$65,000 (£43,000) in gold and cash, to Svetlana Ogorodnikov, a Russian emigrant, who was also his lover.

The former FBI agent faces a probable life in prison and will be sentenced on July 14. Mrs Ogorodnikov, aged 35, and her husband Nikolai, aged 53, are serving prison sen-

tences after pleading guilty last June to conspiring with Miller to pass classified documents to the Russians.

This was the second trial of the former FBI man. In November a jury was deadlocked, forcing the new hearing, which began in February.

Miller claimed he had no plans to pass secrets to the Russians but merely made contact with the Ogorodnikovs to try and salvage his career by becoming the first agent to infiltrate the KGB.

After the verdict was handed down Miller and his lawyers said they would appeal.

Burma seeks to discipline merry monks

Rangoon (Renter) — Burma's Buddhist clergy wants government help to defrock bogus monks and discipline others who preferring to praying.

A meeting of the Monk's Central Committee has ended with a resolution calling on the Government to help the clergy to take action against monks who solicit unsuitable gifts, frequent entertainment places, watch football or join in brawls.

A spokesman for the committee said the call for help from secular authorities meant that the clergy needed stronger disciplinary powers to oust or reform back-sliding Buddhists.

Briton makes final death sentence plea

A Stoke-on-Trent man who faces the gallows in Malaysia for smuggling heroin makes a final appeal against the death sentence today.

Kevin Barlow, aged 28, who moved to Australia some years ago, will go before the Penang State Pardons Board to plead for his life after being sentenced to hang under the country's anti-drug laws.

He was arrested in Malaysia three years ago with Brian Chambers, aged 28, an Australian, who also faces the death sentence, after six ounces of heroin was found in his suitcase. His first appeal failed last year but the board has the power to free him or commute the sentence.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Out of his league

Brazilian coaches, as of right, are given the top football jobs all over the world...

Cardiff Cornithians' secretary, Roy Langley, said: "There is a good club in Brazil called Cornithians, and he seemed to assume that we were a professional outfit..."

Cardiff Cornithians' most famous player is Paul Williams. He is famous (a) because he is the brother of David Williams, who plays for Norwich City...

Sheared off

Lester Piggott had one of the most satisfying moments of his racing career this week, with his first Royal Ascot winner...

Different court

That ubiquitous "sporting" organization, Mark McCormack's International Management Group, is being sued by the International Tennis Federation...

Figures

Who scored the slowest-ever Test in England-Australia? The answer is Derek Randall, of all people, who took 411 minutes to do the job...

Varsity rage

Even as you woke up this morning it was still going on. A 100-hour croquet marathon is taking place on a floodlit lawn at Birmingham University...

Ringers

And finally, let us shatter the World Cup mood with a pastoral moment. The Rev. D.C. Graham, former headmaster of Dean Close School...

The unwillingness of the House of Lords to accept the government's "free speech" amendment to its Education Bill was not due to a lack of concern about what has been happening in universities and other institutions of higher education...

What the House rightly felt was that insufficient time had been given for the discussion of a matter of such importance and that there were good grounds for believing that the amendment, as drafted, would not prove workable...

The first and more important matter is the notion of free speech, the right of teachers in a university to give their courses and state their views without obstruction...

The second matter, on which it is harder to be dogmatic, is how far groups of students or others should be entitled to have the mantle of academic freedom thrown over anyone they choose to invite even if, as is possible, the visitor's purpose is not primarily to contribute to academic debate...

Revel: Latin America for a long time appeared to be on the fringe culturally. Is it now becoming a vital centre from which we can best understand the political and cultural problems of the world?

Paz: We are European but at the same time we are on the fringe. We are the heirs of the culture of Spain and Portugal that became marginal in the 18th century...

Revel: How do you account for the contrast between the cultural success of Latin America and its relative economic and political failure?

Paz: Our economic misfortunes stem principally from the role of the state in our countries. The states to which independence gave rise were the absolutist patrimonial states of 17th-century Spain and Portugal...

Throughout Europe and in North America revolution, or simple evolution, replaced the patrimonial state with the modern state, belonging to all. We adopted a positivist, liberal, even socialist philosophy, but underneath the inner workings remained those of the patrimonial state...

Revel: Does it not seem to you that, among Latin American intellectuals, strictly literary modernity is always regarded as an end in itself, and that their conception of political modernity, their idea that the writer is a revolutionary militant?

Paz: The permanent revolutionary stance adopted by intellectuals - because they are not real revolutionaries - is bound up in Latin America with a career problem. In the universities and journalism it is a badge of respectability...

Revel: There does our modern discussion with decadence come from? It is the subject broached so often?

Paz: Who knows exactly what "decadence" means? Modernity did indeed (as the 18th century believed) free men's minds, destroy superstitions, and make possible considerable economic progress...

Revel: But one has the impression that modernity has come to a halt, that it is breaking up, that it cannot go on...

Paz: Yes, it is un theme à la mode, this fashionable business of modernity, post-modernity, and so on. When I arrived in Paris after the war, in 1945-46, I found that the literary scene was dominated on one hand by the communists - people like Louis

Free speech - but common sense too

by Max Beloff

and if his visit may exacerbate tensions within the university which may detract from its primary purpose.

On the first matter, that of academic freedom of speech in its most direct sense, it is vital that universities themselves should uphold the principle involved with such support from the civil authority as circumstances may require...

One reason for the pressure on the government to take some action is the public sense of frustration when they see university authorities apparently condoning behaviour of this kind by taking only the minimum action against it.

What the older generation finds hard to understand, however, is the very limited authority available to heads of universities or colleges compared with what they remember to have been the case in their own undergraduate days.

What we have now in the universities, or many of them, is a system in which the students themselves take part in the disciplinary machinery. And it needs no great effort of the imagination to see that students will (for a variety of reasons, some good some bad) never lend themselves to severe action against their contemporaries.

Fines, suspensions or postponements of degrees are neither here nor there. If someone is unfit to hold a coveted university place, at the public's expense, he or she must surrender it and make way for someone prepared to use it for

its proper purpose, the pursuit of learning, and not for political ends unrelated to it. One cannot expect the public to respect universities and their ethos if they do not respect themselves.

I believe that if this primary question were resolved, the other and more complicated questions to which I have referred would be easier to handle. Since student societies of various kinds form a useful if subordinate part of higher education in the broadest sense, one would want to interfere as little as possible with their choice of visitors and to protect as far as possible all those who responded to their invitations.

In the early days of the University College at Buckingham (now the University of Buckingham) I had the painful experience, as principal, of declining an offer from a distinguished person to give a lecture on the Middle East problem. I knew that he would express a strongly pro-Israeli view with which I would find myself in large agreement.

With larger and better established institutions, greater risks can be taken, and should be. Judgement is all.

Before retiring in 1979 Lord Beloff had long experience teaching at Manchester and Oxford universities.

Mexican poet Octavio Paz talks to Jean-François Revel about the fading of a long-standing cultural influence

Europe today, as seen by Latin America



Aragon - and, on the other, by Sartre and the existentialists, with Albert Camus forming one island and the surrealists group another.

Revel: In your book, One Earth, Four or Five Worlds, you speak of the way in which the self-critical spirit of Europe has become, as it were, perverted. For the past 20 years or so, the sole aim of European self-criticism has been, according to you, to destroy European civilization.

Paz: Criticism in Europe was, originally, criticism of power and of orthodoxies. In the 20th century there is suddenly a huge void. Everything that was previously

criticism of orthodoxies turns instead into an apology for Utopias. We no longer have criticism of religions, as in the 18th century, but on the contrary an apology for concealed religions - for example, the religion of the communist revolution.

Basically, this is the big difference between Voltaire and Jean-Paul Sartre. Voltaire's work offers a comprehensive criticism of orthodoxy, of "the childhood that lives on in us". Sartre's work is characterized by nostalgia for that childhood, for wholeness. That is how modern criticism has become perverted into an enigma for a concealed religious alienation.

Revel: Are, then, the true heirs to the age-old critical struggles of the European intelligentsia the Soviet dissidents?

Paz: And also certain Western European figures - Camus, for example, at one point. But yes, broadly speaking, it is the East European writers who have taken over this role. They are fighting for

spiritual freedom against oppression. They are not fighting in a climate of freedom for intolerant, sectarian solutions. The majority of Latin American intellectuals are still loyal heirs to the theological thought of the 17th century, but wedded to the political orthodoxies of the 20th. There are, nevertheless, writers who have broken with that tradition, including Vargas Llosa in Peru and Cuban writers who became victims of Castro after having been his friends and followers.

Revel: Have the changes that have been taking place in Europe over the past 10 years, particularly in France, been noticed in Latin America?

Paz: Yes, they have. At first they frightened and shocked people, because basically many writers have been influenced by even moulded by, the French ideological debate as it unfolded from 1945 onwards under the wing of Marxism and of Jean-Paul Sartre in particular. All those people are today frightened and saddened by the fact that France has abandoned that ideology.

Revel: And don't they ask themselves why?

Paz: Yes, they do. They are just beginning to feel the first twinges of doubt. Now they no longer talk about "the Soviet model" or "the Cuban ideal". They keep quiet, ashamed to bring that up; yet they still storm at the Americans. They see the United States as the universally guilty party, the embodiment of evil. They have transferred all their current anguish to the fiendish spectre that the US has become in their eyes.

Revel: And what of "liberation theology", that mysterious phenomenon in Europe find so fascinating?

Paz: The church has always been involved in the political struggles of Latin America. Today's condemnation of capitalists by the theologians of the Middle Ages. They still haven't understood - and that would have caused Marx much amusement - that modern capitalism bears no resemblance to usury. They want to rescue the poor from their poverty, but at the same time they reject the conditions of an economy of expansion.

Revel: What conclusion do you draw from the path you have taken personally, and how do you account for it?

Paz: I believe I can speak for the generation of the 1930s, which has suffered simultaneously from fascism, Marxism, and revolution.

When I returned to Mexico in 1940, the literary world of Latin America was dominated by poets of a communist inclination, such as Pablo Neruda and César Vallejo. But I had the good fortune to make the acquaintance of Victor Serge, who opened my eyes to the reality of the Soviet Union.

I also had the wisdom, I think, to see that true political thought, authenticity, and realism were on the side of the poet. André Breton - morality, too, I immediately saw Sartre as the "intellectual delirant," a disordered intellectual. It was the philosopher, in fact, not the poet, who was calling up monsters hostile to reason.

This was the seizure of power by the professors, the new pre-eminence of critics over creators. The theoreticians had managed to drive out the poets and the novelists. I believe the "cultural revolution" we were talking about would not be complete if, in addition to the ideological adjustment, there were not also a return to the imagination.

We must restore to the imagination the function that has been usurped by the professors and theoreticians.

Woodrow Wyatt Mrs Thatcher's friendly lever

The cry for stiffer sanctions against South Africa is the refuge of the unthinking. A fashionable new suggestion is to cut air links. That would cripple the airlines of at least 10 African countries utterly dependent for their fuel and servicing on South Africa.

The front line states of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Zambia would be ruined without their trade with and through South Africa. Severe sanctions would damage South Africa but they would wreck the precarious countries nearby.

It is not true that most blacks and white liberals in South Africa want sanctions. Chief Buthelezi, with his six million Zulus, and Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, are against them.

The Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group should not have run away just when they were making an impression on President Botha with their ideas for starting a fruitful dialogue between the conflicting parties.

Despite its genuine reforms, which have shocked many whites, the South African government has not yet braced itself to accept what it knows to be true. There can be no negotiations leading to settled peace unless Nelson Mandela and his fellow political prisoners are released.

Alan Franks



Field of human conflict

I shall be watching tomorrow's World Cup quarter final between England and Argentina in the comparative safety of the back room of the Marlborough pub in Richmond. I hope the evening will pass without incident, although one cannot be certain.

In any event, I am glad that I shall be here rather than in the Aztec Stadium, where the Mexican military has been mobilized to keep a still unofficial peace between ourselves - that is, the bit of ourselves represented by 3,000 of our supporters - and the Argentine counterparts, the *harrus bravos*, a group of over-zealous fans who make the Paraguayan defence look like benignity itself.

This is one of those few occasions when the popular press, echoing the 1982 headlines of "Gothcha" and the rest, is not wholly guilty of hyperbole. On two recent visits to Mexico I was made painfully aware of the national sensitivity towards the very thing that is about to take place in 36 hours' time.

The fixture in fact is rather more than a mere game of football, in the same way that a Test match between England and the West Indies is rather more than a mere game of cricket. Both have become metaphors for the greater puissance of the competing countries.

For this reason it was heartening to hear Diego Maradona, Argentina's Exocet of the penalty area, asserting that whatever his country's feelings may be over its whitewash in the Port Stanley fixture four years ago, nothing is going to be substantially altered by one eleven knocking more balls into a net than the other.

The trouble is that the two nationalist fervours over sporting attainment and territorial possession are not quite so clearly divisible as the sensible Sr Maradona (sensible, that is, until he starts ripping our back four apart) wishes to suggest. Had that

new National Council designed to discuss the future constitution - with membership open to black leaders - is not enough. Negotiations must include the ANC, whether or not it renounces violence in advance. If its leaders break the law they will be subject to it. If genuine negotiations for power sharing are started, the true following of an unbanned ANC would be exposed and would be diminished if it persisted in its policy of trying to establish a one-party state by the gun.

At present as the EPG detected, President Botha's suggestions for political developments are imprecise and there is no agenda. There are high risks in legalising the ANC which the EPG naively thought was untainted by communist influence, but the risks in trying to squash its rebellion, by force are even greater. That might be a tempting last resort if negotiations failed to produce a fair division of political power among the various interests, of which the ANC is no more significant than a number of others. It should not be a first resort.

Unfortunately the South African government is clumsy and unsophisticated. The new state of emergency and restrictions on media reporting are examples. It was understandable that the government should wish to forestall the ANC's advertised plans to create mayhem in the townships last Monday. If it is true that in consequence the day passed with much less violence than expected it should at once have lifted the state of emergency, released those detained as a precaution and restored the media's large freedom of reporting.

Mrs Thatcher and her government have resisted the clamour for more punitive sanctions. This gives her a powerful position as a friendly adviser to President Botha, whose greatest need in a hostile world is for friends. The threats of countries like India and Zambia to leave the Commonwealth if she does not obey them are meaningless. The Commonwealth enables a number of politically unimportant countries to get an airing on the world stage; if they leave it will be their loss, not ours.

But the implications for South Africa of missing Mrs Thatcher, an enemy would be horrific. If she turned her back the USA would promptly do the same, and so would West Germany and the rest of the EEC. Because she has been so sensible she can push South Africa in the right direction. Others, who merely proclaim hatred and seek destruction, have no influence.

Field of human conflict

been the case, then his great compatriot Osvaldo Ardiles of Tottenham Hotspur would hardly have had to highlight it back to Argentina immediately the game got rough in the Stadio Malvinas in 1982.

The Football Association has apparently not asked the British embassy in Mexico City to make any special arrangements for coping with English fans during the quarter final; similarly, there has been no appeal to them or the 5,000 Argentine fans for good behaviour during the tie. One likely reason for this is that both sets of supporters have so far been remarkably good-tempered.

As if missing Maradona's point, a former president of the Argentine Football Federation, Admiral Lacoste, has been saying how much he welcomes tomorrow's Anglo-Argentine confrontation, on the grounds that it would mean "a serious match between the two countries, and a chance to heal old wounds". On the first point, about the serious match, I would agree, but on the second, sadly, not.

Even in the verdant suburbs to whose thirst the Marlborough ministers, things get pretty wild in the back room as the giant screen flashes the action to the drinkers, and the very rhetoric which characterized tabloid encouragement to the Task Force comes into play. "Bring on the Argies!" is one of the more moderate demands which I recall from Wednesday's victory over Paraguay. The National Front members who are now in Mexico and inflaming the Argentines with taunts about losing another war do not have a monopoly of misplaced chauvinism.

There is really nothing new about all this, for it was at Wembley in 1966 that the shades of another war were being invoked in the interests of a new British triumph. I hope things run civilly at the Marlborough tomorrow.

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A TEAM IN TIME

In the run-up to the 1983 election the Prime Minister's advisers thought that they had straddled themselves in political cleverness. Two parallel roads were being taken towards the Tory manifesto. The first was a complex consultation exercise, masterminded by Sir Geoffrey Howe and involving large numbers of Conservative MPs and party apparatchiks, who might otherwise have felt neglected. The second was a simpler process, concentrated around the Prime Minister's policy unit, which was to set out what really needed to be done. When anyone in the Cabinet complained about the dangers of a radical programme, his or her attention was discreetly drawn to the Howe exercise. To frustrated radicals the message was quietly communicated that the real work was being done behind Sir Geoffrey's consultative smokescreen.

It was all ineffably neat. Unfortunately it resulted in a manifesto whose lack of inspiration was matched only by a fortuitous absence of political intelligence within the main opposition party. The Government was returned massively to power with barely the minutest idea of what it was going to do with it.

In setting up a new manifesto-making group of Cabinet ministers, under her own chairmanship, Mrs Thatcher

seems to have acknowledged that earlier failure. It has been widely noted - and it is certainly significant - that Mr Biffen has not been selected for the team. It is also true that Mr Tebbit's plans to be a one-man architect of the next election victory have been politely placed in the pending tray. Of much greater importance at this stage, however, is the sense of much-needed clarity that a single group under the Prime Minister's chairmanship should bring.

It will have plenty to occupy its time. Since 1983 the Conservative government has been better at exporting its ideas throughout the Western world than in developing them at home. Policies for neglected areas - particularly in the social services and education - need to be developed. Even more importantly for this committee, the political conditions must be created in which those policies can flourish.

There is no doubt, for example, that Sir Keith Joseph had a vision for improved education in Britain. But he could not inspire confidence and so he could not deliver the results. Mr Kenneth Baker has the practical plausibility. But unless the Government is simply to go to the country with the best-painted bad schools in Europe, he - and his colleagues - must show that he stands for more than

mere administrative tinkering. The same is true of the health service. This week's brutal mauling of the health minister, Mr Barney Hayhoe, by Mr Edward Heath (of all people) shows just how shallow is the Government's conviction on this issue.

It is important not to fall into the trap of exaggerating the importance of the manifesto. One of the Government's most characteristic success has been privatisation. This was by no means clearly foreshadowed in the 1979 manifesto. Certainly no indication was given that the sale of public assets would later prove such a powerful agent of change.

But the Prime Minister had enough political will and support to push such measures through. She now needs the will and the backing of her colleagues to continue the job. In today's political climate that means a Cabinet group of the kind she has now established.

The decision has come late - maybe too late. The consequent decision about who actually runs the election campaign remains open - maybe too open. But the auguries for a development of government policy along lines that can protect past achievements and promote future ones looks better at the end of this week than it has done for many months.

THE SOCIALIST REIGN IN SPAIN

Spain's Socialist Party, fighting to return to power in tomorrow's general election, has proved that it can govern, as firmly as its right-wing opponents. After winning power in December 1982, the Socialists decided that they should govern in the interests of the country as a whole, not in any sectarian interest. It is they who have therefore undergone the "cambio", the change, which was their beguiling 1982 campaign slogan - far more so than the country which elected them. Tomorrow's poll will be first test how the Spanish people have judged that change.

Franco hammered into the Spanish people that the danger was on the left. But the legacy of his 40-year long authoritarian regime has been a nervousness about the Right. This underlay the "long march" of Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialist leader, towards conquering the centre ground for his party.

A lacklustre election campaign this time has thrown up no credible governing alternative to another four years of the Socialists in power. But the Socialists are worried about disenchantment where before there was widespread enthusiasm for Senor Gonzalez and his untarnished young Socialist team.

Senor Gonzalez has pointed to achievements like joining the Common Market and consolidating democracy so that memories of the doom-laden atmosphere at the time of the 1981 coup attempt are dim. With no leftist ideological frills, the campaign has been

about conquering as many seats as possible over the 176 seat barrier for an absolute majority in Parliament in order to carry on in office - and very little else.

The Socialists are worried about two groups who may abstain next Sunday - the centre voters who helped so significantly to make up the governing majority last time, and the new voters and the unemployed. Those under 25 make up more than six million eligible voters, and the under-25s also account for half of Spain's three million unemployed - the worst figure in any West European nation.

Senor Gonzalez has built up a remarkable concentration of power, due to his own capacity for hard work, charismatic leadership, and the absence of any opponent of equivalent stature. The Gonzalez team has shown firmness, imagination and much astuteness. At elections, and at the March NATO referendum, it has relied heavily on American techniques of electronic image-making. The leader's rallies are primarily "for" the television news bulletins, a state monopoly in Spain. Gonzalez has also concentrated around him a staff of about 500, with a kernel of 60 personal assistants, whose advice he often uses to overrule ministers.

A uniquely southern kind of European Socialism has emerged in Spain, the party's centre of gravity having shifted from the historic industrial north to Seville, the Andalusian home town of Senor Gonzalez and Senor Alfonso Guerra, who is both deputy

prime minister and deputy party secretary general. This southern slant is important for the bulk of the party's votes have till now come from the less developed south, plus the two Castiles.

The NATO controversy, with the Socialists switching from their '82 election promise to hold a referendum to take Spain out of the alliance to actively campaigning for staying in, proved the party's highly centralized character today. Under the Socialists, Spain has not developed vigorous institutions between the country's leaders and the ordinary citizens. Parliament has not become a more lively place under them, but less so. No Socialist MPs have emerged as "characters" for the media nor become known as experts. The trade unions' power, only emerging after 40 years of dictatorship, actually has suffered under the Socialists.

The system of party lists of parliamentary candidates at the provincial level further concentrates power in the Socialist leaders' hands, and good constituency MPs are unknown. Critics have been dropped from the candidates lists this time. Finally, Spain's 1 1/2 million public employees (increased by some 150,000 under the Socialists) have not become noticeably more democratic or efficient.

It is the government itself which has undergone the change. The reforming party of yesterday has become the party of the status quo. It will be interesting to see if this suits the Spanish voters' tastes.

FOURTH LEADER

There is word from NASA: well there usually is. The two previously undiscovered asteroids which were recently found to be going round the earth at much the same distance from it as the moon are said to be rich in nickel.

So far, so good; but the discovery has given NASA an idea. The idea is to send mining expeditions to them, to obtain supplies of this rare but essential metal for the orbiting space stations which, we are assured, will be filling the heavens by the end of the century, if only they have enough nickel.

Plain folk may say that the problem of the nickel-shortage for space stations can be easily solved by abandoning the plans for space stations. But that is why they are just plain folk instead of NASA officials. If there is space, there must - must there not? - be stations in it. And if those stations need nickel, nickel they shall have, though we have to trawl the skies for it. But there may be other problems involved, which even NASA has failed to spot, and one or two of them could well be more intractable than a shortage of nickel.

Mining needs miners; everybody knows that. Miners have unions; everybody knows that.

We are not of the school of thought which believes that little green men with webbed feet and antennae sticking out of their ears have recently landed at Borrowdale; on the other hand, we are not so foolish as to deny all possibility of a world elsewhere. A stiff drink may be needed to face what follows: how would the NASA officials feel if they arrived on the nickel-rich moonlet and found a replica of Mr Scargill but with fourteen legs and one huge eye in the middle of his forehead, shouting (from half a dozen mouths) about defending miners' communities?

There is no need to be partisan; the visitors are just as likely to meet Sir Ian Macgregor with his head in a plastic bag, or even with a plastic bag in his head. Either way, they are in for a nasty shock. And who knows whether there are enough rugged individualists in space to form a Union of Democratic Miners? And even if there are, would we feel quite as warmly disposed to them if they came in the form of giant beetles or massive quivering blobs of pink jelly?

And there are problems of another kind involved, too. Who says the nickel found in

space is exactly the same substance as the kind found on earth? Suppose it had a very slight, an imperceptible, different atomic constitution; imagine the dismay on the space stations when the nickel began to buckle, or give off disconcerting purple sparks.

Nor is that the end of it. What about cost-effectiveness? Talk about uneconomic pits; does the Treasury realise that every four-penn'orth of nickel mined in space will cost a sum, in pounds, so huge that it will be quicker to weigh the noughts than count them? And then, the end of the century is still some way off; surely the scientists will have come up with a cheap substitute for nickel before it dawns, or even a means of turning cardboard milk-cartons into the precious substance at the pressing of a button.

The plain folk may be right, after all. We would not advocate the abandonment of the entire space programme; we recognise that there must be progress, even if we are sometimes not sure why. But before the mining expedition sets off, it might do well to sit down and think the project through rather more fully. Brother, can you spare a nickel?

Changing tack on unemployment

From the Director of the Employment Institute
Sir, The real message of last week's report (*The Times*, June 13) by Sir Austin Bide's Occupations Study Group on future employment trends was not the gloomy one your leader (June 14) concentrated upon. Nor was it the need for lower pay increases. The main lesson was the case it revealed for urgent Government action on unemployment.

The OSG report confirmed that current trends in employment are likely to continue if policy is not changed. There will be further job losses in manufacturing and other production industries.

Why such a bleak outlook? None other than the reason systematically identified by employers in all such surveys and notably those regularly carried out by the CBI and the Institute of Directors. Employer after employer confirms that it is their belief that demand will stay low, domestically and internationally, that is the explanation for poor output expectations and their unwillingness to take on more labour. As your leader conceded, wage levels were not a crucial concern; nor the level of capacity.

Why, then, do you continue to rule out the case for a "demand-boost cure for unemployment"? Your own figures demonstrate

clearly that restrictive policies have not succeeded in bringing down the rate at which wages are rising. But they have persuaded employers that demand and hence employment opportunities will remain depressed.

You write encouragingly that the Government should focus its policies across the board more sharply towards jobs. It can do this in part by redistributing expenditure towards areas where the money will be spent directly on employment (and particularly by taking on the long-term unemployed, whose re-entry to the labour market will diminish rather than increase pressure on wages). But the Government also needs to loosen its budgetary shackles and demonstrate that it is in favour of faster growth and genuine expansion.

This means more than taking pride in the million jobs that may have been created since the trough of the depression. The Bide report shows that much more ambitious targets are needed in future if employers are to have the confidence to plan and invest for large increases in their labour force. Yours faithfully,
JON SHIELDS, Director,
Employment Institute,
Suite 107, Southbank House,
Black Prince Road, SE1,
June 16.

Ordination of women

From the Bishop of Chichester
Sir, The suggestion is made by your episcopal correspondents on June 16 that the ordination of women to the presbyterate and episcopate is a second-order matter, which can properly be decided by the General Synod of the Church of England. They overlook the fact that the theological questions raised concern such first-order matters as the significance of the Incarnation of Christ as a man and God's choice of the time and cultural setting of the Incarnation, to mention only two very briefly.

The ordination of women would, therefore, make a change in the ministry which would be of an order quite different, for example, from the abolition of the rule of celibacy by the Church of England at the Reformation.

Many believe that the theological question thus raised can only be conclusively settled by ecumenical agreement and that it is not within the competence of particular churches to take action until such an agreement is evident. Yours faithfully,
ERIC CICESTR,
The Palace,
Chichester, West Sussex,
June 18.

Nature of belief

From the Archbishop of York
Sir, Professor Ward's logic (article, June 14) is no doubt impeccable, but I wonder how he treats students who, when pursuing a logical argument, leave out half the premises. He bases his criticism of the bishops' report on *The Nature of Belief* on half a sentence from the opening statement. The other half of the sentence refers to the belief that Christ's tomb was empty "as affirming that in the resurrection life the material order is re-

deemed, and the fullness of human nature, bodily, mental and spiritual, is glorified for eternity."

The two halves of the sentence are inseparable, the second half providing the theological content for the first, which acknowledges and upholds belief that Christ's tomb was empty "as expressing the faith of the Church of England." In the section of the report on *Faith and History* the point is made that all statements of belief contain many layers of interpretation and that it is impossible to separate out the bare facts on one side, and the meaning which the Church has given to the stories and statements in which those beliefs are expressed on the other. By separating what the bishops have so carefully put together, Professor Ward is able to miss the heart of what they were saying.

The essence of belief in revelation is acknowledgement that God's activity can be discerned in history and conveyed in authoritative stories. A church which is faithful to tradition tells these stories as a form of testimony within which event and interpretation are inextricably mixed. Faith responds to this testimony as its means of access to God and need not for the most part be concerned about unscrambling the mixture. Insofar as it tries to do so, however, historical claims have to submit to ordinary historical questioning and hence the possibilities of disagreement arise and have to be faced.

They can be faced, though, within the context of a united adherence to the testimony. And this is what the bishops have done. JOHN EBOR,
Bishopthorpe,
York,
June 16.

Neglect at Wareham

From Mr G. H. Osborn
Sir, The great Saxon earth walls of Wareham, built by Alfred the Great, are among the few examples of a walled town left in Britain and a very rare part of our national heritage worthy of preservation at all costs. Yet, sad to say, they are in a state of total neglect, overgrown with wild thorn, scrub and gorse, much eroded, a wilderness with litter everywhere.

Some months ago, shocked to see the state of this unique national treasure, I wrote, pointing out the state of the walls, to the Purbeck District Council, in whose care the walls are supposed to be. Wareham Town Council, to English Heritage, whose primary concern should be the preservation of our national heritage, the Countryside Commission, and the Dorset County Council Heritage Commission.

All these bodies were in agreement that the neglected state of the walls was a national disgrace and that something should be done to save these historic walls before they are damaged beyond repair.

Since then, however, no action whatever has been taken or proposed and indeed the Purbeck District Council simply evades the

issue by saying there is no money available to save this priceless heritage.

Surely, in these days of mass unemployment and Manpower schemes, something could be done along the lines of the splendid restoration of nearby Badbury Rings, in which Prince Charles took a personal interest, and the Cerne Giant, which is now preserved for all time.

Given the right equipment and the assistance from Manpower, English Heritage or similar organisations, the task would not be very costly and could be quickly achieved before further damage is done.

I trust that by publishing this letter you will help to stir the public conscience to take some action before irreparable damage occurs. I have just returned from Spain and when one sees there the loving care that is poured over the country takes with its walled towns, one is almost tempted to despair of the attitude seemingly adopted by authorities in this case. Yours faithfully,
G. H. OSBORN,
Cherry Tree Cottage,
Merey Ways,
Wimborne,
Dorset,
June 12.

Cleaning up

From Lord Denman
Sir, Edward du Cann (June 10) is not unique in having a room with a view of a dirty river. Mrs Imelda Marcos, some years ago, faced the same problem.

The River Pasig, flowing through Manila beneath the windows of the presidential palace, was cluttered with rubbish. Being a lady of authority and resource, Mrs Marcos invited the wives of the Army's generals to lunch and told them the river was a disgrace. Each of them would be allotted a portion of it and must devise her own means of securing its cleansing. Six months later they would meet again "to celebrate our success".

Six months later the river was transformed. Should we not encourage Sir Edward to give a luncheon? Yours faithfully,
DENMAN,
House of Lords,
June 12.

Children's diet

From Professor Vincent Marks
Sir, I did not advocate "unrestricted consumption of sugar and saturated fats" as Dr Louise Marcos, some years ago, faced the same problem. The River Pasig, flowing through Manila beneath the windows of the presidential palace, was cluttered with rubbish. Being a lady of authority and resource, Mrs Marcos invited the wives of the Army's generals to lunch and told them the river was a disgrace. Each of them would be allotted a portion of it and must devise her own means of securing its cleansing. Six months later they would meet again "to celebrate our success".

Fair game for US academic raiders

From Professor James Manor
Sir, Recently, I attended a lunch at which senior administrators from two American universities traded stories of visits to Britain as leaders of what they called "raiding parties" to "poach" dons from British universities. Both were elated at their success and at the way that brilliant scholars had been rendered "easy pickings" by demoralization and the sharp drop in the real value of university pay in the UK since 1979.

One of the two had just "bagged" two scientists and a medic. The other said that "plundering" British science was old hat to him. He had now moved on to the arts and social sciences and had just recruited four "dazzling" scholars in literature, history, economics and philosophy.

These two men came not from elite universities but from schools of middling quality that are struggling to raise their status, yet they had seduced some of Britain's best minds from centres of prestige and excellence. Their glee may offend those of us who care about British higher education, but the blame for this lies less with them than with the government in the UK that has laid its universities open to this sort of assault.

It will grow much more serious in the next few years when a wave of retirements creates a huge number of vacant senior posts in America. The British Government must increase its support of the universities as a matter of urgent national interest.

Sincerely,
JAMES MANOR,
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Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
Department of Government,
Littauer Center M-22,
Cambridge, Massachusetts,
United States of America,
June 11.

Lest we forget

From Mr D. J. Lewis
Sir, Following the Austrian presidential election, your correspondent (feature, June 14) seeks to persuade us that after, say, 20 years past acts should be forgiven and forgotten. Why not 15 years? Why not 10 years? To seek to equate such matters with time limits is surely a contradiction in terms.

Genocide is a crime so heinous that it transcends the normal perception of right and wrong, crime and punishment. It is a mark of civilised society that those who commit a crime and who are punished are absolved from that crime when due punishment has been accepted. Can one really say that those who were directly or indirectly involved in the Nazi terror have accepted such punishment?

In a world of double standards it is tempting indeed to wipe the slate clean wherever possible so as to avoid confrontation with basic moral issues. Is it yet right to forget Cambodia? Biafra? Should we now consider the events of Soweto in 1976 to be far enough distant to merit a mere footnote in the history book? The answer surely is no. It is our duty to remember, in an effort, however much it may be in vain, to stop the baser instincts of mankind enjoying their periodic triumphs.

At a time of expediency and double standards it is all the more vital that those who maintain the single standard proclaim it and uphold it. Yours faithfully,
D. J. LEWIS,
76 Gloucester Place, W1.

Racism and Army

From the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality
Sir, Your leading article on racial discrimination (June 12) begins with the resounding claim "The Commission for Racial Equality says it has evidence of discrimination against non-white soldiers". We have said no such thing.

Shortly before the publication of a newspaper article on alleged racial discrimination in the Army, I was asked by one of the authors whether we were in touch with the Ministry of Defence about their recruitment and promotion procedures. I said we were and knew that the department was carrying out a review of these procedures. I assure you that when this Commission decides to investigate any institution it does so strictly in accordance with the rules laid down in the statute.

May I, on a separate point, assure Mr Kurovski ("Racism in class", June 11) that, in spite of what he understood, no official of the CRE was present at the meeting he mentioned. Yours faithfully,
PETER NEWSAM, Chairman,
Commission for Racial Equality,
Elliot House,
10/12 Allington Street, SW1.

As she is spoke

From Professor John Honey
Sir, I have been puzzling over Mrs Brinkley's letter (June 12), in which she cites the words of an examination rubric to students: "You and your host family are sat watching the television". What does she find noteworthy about this? Presumably it is not the grammar of "are sat", for this form is well-established idiomatic English, found in, for example, Addison's *Spectator* and many other sources, and it could well be uttered by her Majesty herself. Yours faithfully,
JOHN HONEY,
5 Woods Close,
Oadby, Leicestershire.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 21 1916

No fighting force ever found a more eloquent PRO than the submarine branch of the "Silent Service". In three lengthy articles on June 21, 23 and 28 Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) paid tribute to it in his inimitable style. It was not known how the name of "The Trade" came to be applied to the Submarine Service. "Some say", wrote Kipling, "that the cruisers invented it because they pretend that submarine officers look like unwashed chauffeurs."

TALES OF "THE TRADE"

SOME WORK IN THE BALTIC

By Rudyard Kipling
... Some time ago HM Submarine E5 (Commander Max Horton) was in the Baltic, in the depth of winter, where she used to be taken to her hunting grounds by an ice-breaker...

Here - it is not stated in the book, but the Trade knows every aching, single detail of what is left out - she spent a certain time in testing arrangements and apparatus, which may or may not work properly, immersed in a mixture of block ice and dirty ice-cream in a temperature well towards zero. This is a pleasant job, made the more delightful by the knowledge that if you slip off the superstructure the deadly Baltic chill will stop your heart long before even your heavy clothes can do you any good. Hence (and this is not in the book either) the remark of the highly-trained sailorman in these latitudes who, on being told by his superior officer in the execution of his duty to go to Hell, did insubordinately and bravely reply: "D'you think I'd be here if I could?" Whereby he caused the entire personnel, beginning with the Commander, to "Amen".

Next day she reports: "As circumstances were favourable decided to attempt to bag a destroyer." Her "certain position" must have been near a well-used destroyer-run, for shortly afterwards she sees three of them but too far off to attack and, later, as the light is falling a fourth destroyer towards which she manoeuvres. "Depth-keeping," she notes, "very difficult owing to heavy swell." A observation balloon on a gusty day is almost as stable as a submarine "pumping" in a heavy swell, and since the Baltic is shallow, the submarine runs the chance of being let down with a whack on the bottom. None the less, E5 works her way to within 600 yards of the quarry; fires and waits just long enough to be sure that her torpedo is running straight and that the destroyer is holding her course.

Then she reports: "The result is deathly simple - 'At the correct moment after firing 45 to 50 seconds, heard the unmistakable noise of torpedo detonating.' Four minutes later she rose and 'found disappeared'. Then, for reasons probably connected with other destroyers who, too, may have heard that unmistakable sound, she goes to bed below in the dark till the evening light turns homewards. When she rose she met storm from the north and logged it accordingly. 'Spray froze as it struck, and bridge became a mass of ice. Found it necessary to keep a man continuously employed on this work...'

E.1, also a Baltic boat, her Commander F.N. Laurence, had her experiences too. She went out one summer day and late - too late - in the evening sighted three transports. The first she hit. While she was arranging for the second, the third inconsiderately tried to ram her before her sights were on. So it was necessary to go down at once and waste whole minutes of the precious scanting light. When she rose the stricken ship was sinking and shortly afterwards blew up. The other two were patrolling nearby. The third had begun to sink in daylight, but the darkness defeated her. The Trade has many stories, too, of watching patrols when a boat must see chance after chance go by under her nose and write - merely write - what she had seen. Naturally they do not appear in any accessible records. Nor, which is a pity, do the authorities release the records of glorious failures, when everything goes wrong when torpedoes break surface and squatter like ducks; or arrive full square with a clang and burst of white water and - fail to explode when the devil is in charge of all the motors, and clutches develop play that would scare a store-going mechanic; or, when batteries begin to give off death instead of power, and atop of all, ice or wreckage of the strawn seas racks and wrenches the hull till the whole leaking bag of tricks limps home on six missing cylinders and one ditto propeller, plus the indomitable will of the red-eyed husky scarecrows in charge.

There might be worse things in this world for decent people to read than such records.

Digging up the past

From Mr Martin Best
Sir, In the last four months I have seen the word medieval used no less than five times in various newspapers as a term of disapproval, even abuse, two of these in your newspaper.

I have been waiting for somebody to protest against this slur on possibly the most glorious period in European history, but it seems yet to be forthcoming. So, since no one else is protesting I will. Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BEST,
Martin Best Medieval Ensemble,
Clonston Manor,
Winterbourne Clonston,
Blindford Forum, Dorset.

THE ARTS

Television

"We're going to create some stress", announced a professor of psychology to a group of adolescent students in *Tennis Girls* (BBC) — the idea being to condition them to Centre Court hostility in much the same way that police horses are trained to keep cool during riots. Stress was duly created with one of their number playing a 12-point tie-breaker while his fellows from the Florida tennis academy layed and jeered from the sidelines. "He had people screaming at him", declared the prof, commendably — but this being America, where the major growth industry would seem to be the ever widening gap between word and referent (the academy's chief spoke repeatedly of "giving 110 per cent"), they had been doing no such thing, merely producing the barnyard soundtrack that accompanies all too many group activities there.

If doubts lingered as to the usefulness of this specific exercise, how much more attached to the general wisdom of forcing these colts and fillies to accept "the pitiless art of winning" as their norm? "I'm going to be Number One in the world", declared a 10-year-old girl before another bout of aggression.

At the other end of the scale, up there on the lucrative pinnacle to which they yearningly aspire, Martina Navratilova sighed over the 13 years she has spent on the road with five dogs and one cat for company; Annabel Croft observed, with reference to the loneliness of the tournament circuit, "We get related to sailors a lot" (though not, presumably, by marriage); and Gabriela Sabatini demonstrated a disquieting flair for juggling a football on her delectable knees.

Elsewhere, Channel 4's *Book Choices* awarded its miserly 10 minutes to Antonia Fraser, who elected to recommend *T. C. Smoak's A Century of the Scottish People 1830-1950*. There is not much to be done in the time available and in front of the curious backdrop of blank spines ranked like disorderly gold ingots, but Lady Antonia communicated her enthusiasm with elegance and economy, and really did not need to apologise for "wanting to be carried away" by history, a "prejudice" which she blamed on Gibbon. If only all prejudices could be as benign.

Martin Cropper

For the first time in ten years, Barbara Cook (right), one of the greatest theatrical cabaret singers, will begin a two-week season in London on Monday. Interview by Sheridan Morley

Distinctive sense of drama

These things are of course a matter of critical and personal opinion, but, if asked to name the greatest theatrical cabaret singer in regular concert and night-club work at the moment, there are a good many of us who would happily settle for Barbara Cook. Next Monday, with an AIDS benefit at the Warehouse in Covent Garden, Miss Cook opens a two-week engagement (and David Kernan's summer season of *Show People*) which is amazingly enough only her second in this country.

The first was ten years ago at the old Country Cousin down to Chelsea, and that was a riot, most nights quite literally. They'd told me to expect all that old-English courtesy and restraint, but what happened often enough was that fist-fights would break out between the people who had come to hear me and the ones who wanted to carry on talking at the bar. Luckily my team usually won through in the end."

Miss Cook has never made a movie, seldom works on television (though she was seen recently with a definitive rendering of "Losing My Mind" in the concert version of Sondheim's *Follies*) and has not worked in a Broadway show for more than 15 years. Indeed the vagaries of her remarkable career have given her a memorably ironic cabaret number called "The Ingenue": "The parts you play quite often may require you to ham a

lot/And you're inclined to wind up in a bus-and-truck of *Camelot*/While movie roles you long to do/They give to Shirley Jones to do".

Throughout the 1950s she starred in a run of Broadway hits (early revivals of *Oklahoma* and *Carousel* and then *Plain and Fancy*, Bernstein's *Candide*, *The Music Man* and *She Loves Me*) unrivalled by any actress or singer of her generation, and those years gave her a stronghold in theatre music which assures her cabaret act of its distinctiveness and its sense of drama.

Now, in her late fifties, the daughter of a travelling salesman, she grew up in Atlanta with a grandfather who loved to hang around vaudeville theatres and a father who would call her from wherever he happened to be on the road so that his daughter could sing down the phone to him:

"I just always sang; I just sang because it was all I knew how to do. I'd never even seen a musical except on the movies, but I grew up knowing I had to go live and work on Broadway."

"I took me three years to get my first Broadway role, in *Flahooley* (1951), and I spent those three years auditioning, singing for free in night-clubs and then doing a series of composer cabarets up in Boston. So I guess I always had a cabaret training. Then suddenly, in the Sixties,

everything changed: first of all they weren't writing the big-book shows any more and secondly I was getting a lot too old to play the juveniles. Then my marriage [to a drama teacher, David LeGrant] broke up and I found I had to look after myself for the first time in my life. I also realized that I'd never had a real education, never done a show that wasn't musical, never really grown up at all except on stage."

There followed, though she seldom speaks of it now, a lonely and very frightening time during which for five years Barbara Cook never sang a note; in those years she also went from nine to 21 stone and back down again before rediscovering, in 1973, her musical life.

"That summer they were doing a series of George Gershwin concerts to mark his seventy-fifth anniversary and for the first time in twenty years I began singing as myself rather than some character in a plot, and I found that I absolutely loved it. At that time luckily there also started the whole renaissance of cabaret in America and I met up with my concert producer Wally Harper (who also wrote *The Ingenue*) and we've been working together in cabaret and on records ever since. Both of us come from theatre backgrounds, and we seem to have the same ideas about what makes a song work.

"Getting back to cabaret and



John Woos

concert tours was like rediscovering myself once I'd managed to survive the divorce and find out who I really was, then I was able to go out on stage as myself alone and just sing without a cast or a plot or all that scenery. The great thing is to keep it all simple, and in cabaret you can."

So will she never again go back into a Broadway show? "A year ago I'd have said definitely not: I thought all that was well behind me. But then, when we came to record the Sondheim *Follies* for television last summer, I suddenly realized how much I'd missed being in a book show all those years, and I might do a new musical on Broadway next year, though that's all I can tell you about it except that it has a British director — and I've always wanted to work

with another British director ever since Guthrie taught me how to do *Candide* back in 1956. You know we used to do that show eight times a week? No singers in their right minds do it now for more than three or four."

But then Miss Cook has never been like other singers: what she offers, on her latest album, *Better With a Band*, is a fully-fledged dramatic performance of Berlin and Bernstein and Coward and Porter and such latter-day writers as Melissa Manchester and Harry Nilsson. She is also one of the very last of the "legitimate" Broadway Babes, the ones who were rooted in drama and grew up in an era when the real work in musicals used to be done by humans rather than lights or sets.

Radio Inventive species

In *From Mud To Man* (Radio 3, Wednesday; producer, Julian Brown) Colin Tudge reported on some of the questions discussed by paleontologists and others at a recent symposium. In particular, the argument revolved around the means by which new life forms have emerged with, by evolutionary standards, astonishing suddenness. Things jog along in a nice even Darwinian manner for millions upon millions of years, and then, within a mere few million more, colossal changes come about. Sixty-five million years ago, for instance, that vastly successful and enduring race, the dinosaurs, rapidly became extinct. Explanations proliferate: according to one, a meteorite hit the earth and the ensuing dust-cloud created a nuclear winter that finished the huge creatures off.

Perhaps, but there is more to be explained for massive extinction turns out to be the order of the day. Indeed, at one time long before the dinosaurs it is thought that 95 per cent of the life forms in the oceans were extinguished. How? Why? And how is it that both then and on every other occasion, a new cast as it were was waiting in the wings to come on as the corpses of the old were carried out? The scientists, with extraordinary ingenuity and persistence, dig up and display their data, slowly they establish the movements of the evolutionary clock.

I had thought the American cowboy was another in the line of vanished species, his existence rapidly and remorselessly terminated by barbed wire and the internal combustion engine, but then I heard *Cowboys* (Radio 4, Tuesday; producer, John Powell). I now realize that he is very much alive — preserved not out of sentiment or out of government subsidy, but because cattle in the wild American West are still better handled by men on horseback than by any other method so far devised. The programme (the first of two) was on one level a mine of information about the cowboy's life — the daily routine that can begin at three in the morning, the working relationships, the need for good, reliable, and expensive equipment; it also told us the difference between cowboy, cowpuncher, and cowpoke — the last being the menial individual who sits in the railway cattle-truck and pokes the beasts with a long stick to keep them on their feet.

Most of us at some time pretend to be what we are not, but mostly it is impromptu, thought up in the moment to impress or escape censure. However, there are some people who substantially invent themselves. There was an example of the breed in *That Man Bracken* (Radio 3, Friday; director, Robert Cooper). Thomas Kilroy's play on the life of the late Brendan, Viscount Bracken. This son of a Tipperary Fenian agitator, hid his origins behind a succession of fictions and facades, rising to be MP, Minister in Churchill's wartime Cabinet, and Fleet Street proprietor. A very rum fish indeed, if Mr Kilroy's fascinating portrait provided even half a likeness. But true to the life or not, the quality of the writing and an exceptional, and outside performance by Alan Rickman as Bracken, made sure that the likeness spoke.

David Wade

John Lambert

Aldeburgh Parish Church

If the afternoon concert by members of the London Sinfonietta seemed like a family gathering, that is often the way with birthday parties. This one honoured John Lambert, aged 60 next month.

Lambert is a stimulating composer, but clearly his most important work is teaching. Several of his former pupils appeared here with an appropriate birthday gift: a collection of miniature musical tributes.

"They were written", announced Oliver Knussen, prime instigator of this celebration, "some time between a month ago and yesterday." One could well believe that,

Concert

but there were some deliciously witty epigrams, including "Happy Birthday to You", among the contributions by Avril Anderson, David Sutton-Anderson, Mark-Anthony Turnage, Gary Carpenter, Simon Bainbridge, Richard Blackford, Javier Alvarez (a "Lambert a go") and Knussen.

Lambert himself supplied more substance in his 1976 *First String Quartet*, receiving its British premiere, and the new *Second String Quartet*. The *First Quartet* begins with tiny ostinatos superimposed on one another with macho-like inexorability; after a tense build-up the texture fragments into dislocated squeaks. If this represents what the composer calls the "spiritual numbness of the self-perpetuating race" then he possibly intends to convey a glimmer of hope

Gallery

National Gallery

by restoring tranquility at the end.

There is a similarly cogent process evident in the *Second Quartet*. Three of its four phases start with all the instruments united in some aspect (articulation, tempo or tessitura) but then flaking away; the fourth brings the disparate element together again.

One was struck by how expertly Lambert exploits sophisticated string techniques, especially glissando harmonics, and by how self-effacing his thematic material is.

The concert also contained his 1967 cantata, *Veni Creator*, which rises from a sombre beginning to an urgent, almost incantation-like delivery of the pentecostal text and an airing of a pithy piece from *Orpheus Cycle II*.

Richard Morrison



In his own style: Patrick Caulfield's *Interior with a Picture* (1985)

Observed correspondences

The Artist's Eye: Patrick Caulfield National Gallery

The series of shows in which, over the last few years, the National Gallery has required a variety of contemporary British artists to raid its icebox and bring out a personal feast of goodies has turned out to be a thoroughly mixed batch. Last year's *Artist's Eye*, Francis Bacon's, was curious only because it was so apparently conventional, intriguing only because one kept wondering what special point of view could Bacon have on this, in the main, very standard selection of acknowledged masterpieces. *Patrick Caulfield*, oow, gives us something very different: the result of not only a very detailed and unprejudiced exploration of the National Gallery's basement as well as the main galleries, but also of a patent determination to make a show which hangs together interestingly as a show.

One of the things Caulfield has done is to observe correspondences between things far removed in character, period and even location in the gallery. Cezanne's *Portrait of the Painter's Father* is next to Johannes van der Aack's *An Old Woman Seated Sewing* because not only are the two figures seated facing in the same direction and almost in the same position relative to the frame, but the tiled floor under each is virtually identical, as though they are involved in the same scene across two centuries. When a very famous painting is included, such as Pieter de Hooch's *Courtyard of a House in Delft*, Rubens's *Le Chapeau de Paille* or Chardin's *The Young Schoolmistress*, one feels that it is not as an unthinking gesture, but because Caulfield really personally likes it or because it makes a point or establishes a relationship with something less routine.

And it must be said that his explorations in the basement have come up with some obscure delights. They are always open to all of us, of course, if we care to go down the stairs and eschew preselection, but having them picked out and displayed on the *piano nobile* certainly makes a difference. How many of us have noticed before the rescued works by Alfred Stevens (the continental society painter, here in a rather brooding landscape mode, rather than the British sculptor), or Diaz or Philippe Rousseau, not to mention the charming *Man*, and a *Child Eating Grapes*, for which they can get no closer to an attribution than that it may be

Spanish School, or the even better *White House among Trees*, which boasts a forged Manet signature and no other sign of paternity?

To make the pleasure complete, the two large new paintings of Caulfield's own in the lobby to the exhibition proper (included, of course, at the gallery's request) are among his best, and complement the rest admirably without overshadowing or being overshadowed. A rare achievement indeed, and one of the most successful yet in this series of shows. It is on until August 10.

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A legend in his own goalmouth

England's chances of beating Argentina in tomorrow's World Cup quarter-final rest heavily on the shoulders of their remarkable goalkeeper. David Miller reveals what makes Peter Shilton more than equal to the task

Tony Maylon and Drummond Challis director and producer of the International Football Federation's official feature film of the World Cup in Spain, G'ole - and now in Mexico - have been obliged to realign their cameras. They were creating the film exclusively around the play-makers and goal scorers: Platini, Maradona, Elkjaer, Butragueno, Lineker. But, when troubled England unpredictably trounced Poland, Maylon and Challis suddenly had to include, in their close-up scrutiny of the stars of 1986, a goalkeeper.



BIOGRAPHY

1948: Born Leicester, September 18
1966: First division debut for Leicester City aged 16
1969: Youngest goalkeeper (19) to appear in a Cup Final
1970: In original World Cup 40 before appearing in a full international. Made England debut against East Germany the same year
1973: Established as England's regular goalkeeper.
1974: Transferred to Stoke, in the footsteps of Gordon Banks, for £340,000, then a British record fee and still the record for a goalkeeper. Replaced by Ray Clemence as England's number one goalkeeper.
1977: Joined Nottingham Forest for £300,000
1978: Returned to the England squad under Ron Greenwood.
1979: Helped Nottingham Forest to Football League Cup and European Cup wins.
1980: Helped Forest to their second European Cup
1982: Captained England for first time against Holland, recapturing his position as England's permanent goalkeeper in time for the World Cup. After the World Cup transferred to Southampton for £250,000

In his opinion Shilton, 36, must be considered ahead of the illustrious keepers of the past: more agile than Yashin of Russia; more authoritative than Banks; possessing more character than Zoff of Italy; more consistent than Maier of West Germany. "I think only Gylmar, Brazil's goalkeeper when they won in 1958 and 1962, was Shilton's equal, because of his exceptional intelligence", Sexton says. "And we cannot finally judge Shilton until England have won something."

Sixteen years ago England's manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, sent six surplus players home before the Mexico finals. One was Shilton. The three goalkeepers Ramsey retained were Banks, Bonetti - who was to throw away the quarter-final when Banks was taken ill - and Stepney. "It was the right decision to leave me out", Shilton says, "and I benefited from that experience."

At Wembley three years later, the still youthful Shilton - succeeding Banks, who had lost an eye in a car crash - let a shot by Domarski of Poland pass under his body and into the net. In a memorably drawn match, England were eliminated from contention for the 1974 finals, and Ramsey lost his job. It is the last serious mistake anyone can recall Shilton making in a major international match.

Yet the error was to help restrict his career for many of the next nine years. Clemence of Liverpool usually being preferred by Don Revie and then Ron Greenwood. Outwardly undismayed, Shilton ceaselessly worked at making himself the fittest, most thorough and most conscientious goalkeeper he could possibly become. True, his name was occasionally on the wrong pages in the popular newspapers on account of domestic indiscretions, and there were times, as on the summer tour of 1980 to Sofia and Stockholm, when he would celebrate a little excessively. His working professionalism, however, remained unimpaired.

"Our other two goalkeepers (Bailey and Wood) thought they were fit until they encountered Peter, who even at his age left them way behind", Robson says, as the squad relax beside the hotel swimming-pool. "The man's a fitness maniac."

To watch Shilton voluntarily driving himself on, in conditions of debilitating heat, long after the others have gladly drifted off to the showers, is a lesson in dedication. "Had he not been succeeded by Clemence during the '70s, he would have left both the English record of 109 caps, held by Bobby Moore, and the goalkeeper's world record - Pat Jennings 119 appearances for Northern Ireland - far behind. Shilton now stands on 85."

There was an emotional moment on a training pitch in Bilbao during the 1982 World Cup, when Greenwood - who had vacillated between Clemence and Shilton during the approach to the finals - walked over to Shilton and told him he was once more first choice.



'That Shilton, he frightens the ball away' - the late Bill Shankly on England's goalkeeper

"I alternated between the two", Greenwood says, "because I was worried about what happened in 1970, when Bonetti had had insufficient exposure. There was a time, too, when Shilton did not command the penalty area from behind the way Clemence did. But once he mastered that, he had no weaknesses. His qualities are unbelievable. With respect to Clemence, Shilton has refined the art of goalkeeping. He's at least Banks' equal and his saves here in Mexico have kept the team alive."



Shilton in command against Paraguay on Wednesday

By a twist of circumstances, Shilton has become England's third captain during the competition; uniquely, their third in one match when, against Morocco, Bryan Robson was carried off and Wilkins ordered off.

"The captaincy had stimulated him", Robson says. "He drives other people. He likes training to be properly organized, he never lets up. His saves in the last two matches, which we have won by three goals, were more significant than anything he had to do in the first two matches, which we lost and drew. He is by a distance the best goalkeeper I have ever seen."

Robson's experience, as international player and manager, spans eight World Cups.

Off the field, Shilton is not a demonstrative personality. His self-confidence is such that he does not need to draw attention to himself. It is on the field, as Greenwood says, that he vents his feelings. He is a winner. "Our togetherness is a very strong card to play", Shilton says. "We began building that spirit on tours to South America and Mexico over the past two summers. I thought the group that travelled to Spain four years ago was about as close as you could get, but if anything this lot are even better."

The climatic conditions present more difficulty for goalkeepers than for outfield players. Although a standardization of balls has meant there is less swirling in the air than was experienced in 1970, the flight and range are as substantially altered as al-

ways. Shilton's mastery of the conditions has been equalled by no keeper other than Dasseev, the outstanding Russian, who was also in Spain.

"Because the ball moves quicker in the thin air, it means that forwards can shoot effectively from longer range", Shilton says. "This means that defences can't drop back as much, because a 30-yard shot is like a 20-yard shot in Europe. The Brazilian full-backs showed that against Northern Ireland. Part of my job in shouting and organizing is to make sure the defence picks up the opposition earlier. But the problems with the ball are nothing you can't overcome by practice."

Part of his dependability comes from his strength. At six feet and 14 stone, he is as wide as the proverbial barn door, and against Paraguay he was able to hold a shot that deviated off the uneven pitch which many a keeper would have fumbled. His concentration is as exclusive as that of a snooker player, wherever the ball may be on the pitch. He still can not recall an incident during Wednesday's match, in which Paraguay's players angrily surrounded the referee. At the time, he was concentrating on the free kick about to be taken. But he does wish the groundsman would get the heavy roller on the rutted penalty areas before tomorrow. He wouldn't like Maradona to beat him off a divot.

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PEER GROUP VIEWS OF A GOALKEEPER WITHOUT PEER
Peter Shilton has attracted the professional admiration and respect of his colleagues. Former Welsh international Mike Walker, who kept goal to more than 600 League games for six clubs, is a lifelong Shilton watcher.
"Peter has pushed himself to a level of fitness that is beyond most of the rest of us. And I'm not just talking about physical fitness. His mental approach is probably the key to his greatness. He thinks he is the best on earth."
Mike Channon, ITV World Cup pundit and former England international:
"Peter's a bit of a moaner and a terrible loser. That's because he's a perfectionist and wants things right. He's good at bossing players and one of the best when it comes to shouting and advising his defenders."
Bobby Robson, England team manager:
"Peter's the best in the world because of his stature, his presence, his professionalism and his appetite for work, quite apart from his ability."
Keith Weller, former England midfielder player and Leicester captain in the 70s:
"Unless you have either played in the same team as Peter or watched him regularly, I don't think you can fully appreciate just how great a goalkeeper he is. To my book, there is none better in the world."
Terry Mancini, former Queen's Park Rangers and Republic of Ireland defender:
"Peter's the man who sells dummies to people who are trying to score. He's a magician."
Alan Hudson, former Stoke and England colleague:
"Peter gives everybody tremendous confidence, which can turn out to be the difference between winning and finishing second."
Gordon Jago, former QPR manager:
"Shilton has the uncanny ability to be in the right place all the time. It's not just luck either. His positioning is such that he creates the opening for the opposing forward - and then dives to save because, really, he's had the gap covered all the time. It's what great goalkeeping is all about."
Gordon Banks, Shilton's predecessor as England's most capped goalkeeper and his mentor at Leicester:
"He'll always be watching you, what you're doing, asking questions and taking everything in."
Brian Clough, manager of Nottingham Forest (oo a save made by Shilton for Forest v Birmingham, 7/78):
"Peter inspired me, so God knows what it did for the other players."

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TRAVEL

Cheaper trips for the young

TRAVEL NEWS

There are special deals for younger travellers this summer. Local authorities in Denmark are offering free accommodation to young people between 14 and 26 from June 22 - July 6. The only requirement is that they should bring their own sleeping bag, and they can stay up to three nights in each place. The accommodation is in private homes and farms, schools and youth hostels, and information is available at local tourist offices and railway stations.

Eurotrais is holding its 1985 prices till the end of June with reductions of up to 50 per cent off normal fares to young people under 26. Information: 01-730 3402.

Olympic Holidays has a programme of island-hopping holidays in Greece. Accommodation is in "basic" village rooms and prices start at £165. Freestyle Holidays still has plenty of availability on the islands of Corfu, Rhodes and Zakynthos, with prices from £195 for one week.

Chinese cracker
An unusual 25-day tour to China is being operated by Serenissima Travel in August. The tour, priced at £3,650, will journey into parts of China which are still rarely visited by Western travellers, including Koko Nor, the country's largest lake. Information: 01-730 9841.

Sunny season
Tough competition between airlines on the London-Miami route has produced more price cuts on inclusive holidays to Florida. Richard Branson's Virgin Holidays is offering holidays at low-season rates for the rest of June and throughout July, with the price of a typical two-week holiday in Sunny Isles, Miami, coming down by £200 to £349.

City lights
Budget-price breaks to six cities in Spain and Morocco are being operated until the end of July by Enterprise Holidays, with prices starting at £99 for two nights' bed and breakfast in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao or for three nights in Tangier. Breaks are also available in Valencia and Casablanca and all flights are on BA scheduled services.

Philip Ray

OUT AND ABOUT



Close to perfection: Penshurst Place resembles a manor house crossed with a castle and a church, set in enchanting gardens of topiary and lily-ponds

Archetype of Arcadian splendour

From every point of view, Penshurst Place is a cracker — a house with something for everyone and a heady, exhilarating experience. The place is bursting with history and atmosphere. It has been continuously occupied by the Sidney family since 1552, and by others for 200 years before that.

The roll-call of names associated with Penshurst reads like a condensed history of England and of much of English literature. "The God-like Sidney" Sir Philip, poet, courtier and soldier, was born here though he was only in possession for a few months. One Sidney was beheaded by Henry VIII, another by Charles II. They were always in the thick of things. They still are. Lord de Lisle, the present owner, won the VC and was Governor-General of Australia. Now he says of himself: "I am the greengrocer. I live over my shop."

And it is quite a shop. Sprawling, stone-built, embattled, the exterior has the look of a manor house crossed with a castle and a church. Much of it is quite awesomely old, as

you realize as soon as you enter the house and are immediately engulfed in the astonishing Barons' Hall — an immense space, roofed with massive beams of chestnut rising to 60 feet above your head.

At one end is a minstrel's gallery, at the other a dais, the middle of the floor an octagonal hearth — completely open — from which the smoke was expected to escape through louvres in the roof. It dates from about 1340, and was built so solidly that it needed no major repairs until 1910.

There is nothing quite so old or breathtaking elsewhere. The chief impressions are of air and light and an intimidating proportion — unusual in so grand a building.

Architecturally Penshurst represents five centuries of organic growth. But that is only one element of the long continuity that has given the house its Arcadian atmosphere. It can perhaps be felt at its strongest in the gardens. Geometrically cut, yew hedges enclose a succession of fascinating spaces accessible only through little openings in

the topiary; it's rather like a giant maze but designed to enchant rather than bewilder. There are all manner of pools

to the Toy Museum, which has a quite fascinating collection including some family paintings. I was very struck by a big coin-in-the-slot drinking bear, whose red eyes light up as he pours himself a stiff one and knocks it back.

But most of the children had discovered the Venture Playground, an area of rope-walks, swings and slides conceived on a truly baronial scale. Young England was studiously ignoring the Countryside Display in Sussex Barn. I looked it over and headed out into the woods, following the Nature Trail.

Lord de Lisle lives with his family in the North Wing. He runs the house and garden as a self-financing unit independent of the Penshurst Estate, and will not even accept government grants for repairs. It sounds like a high-risk approach, but he has a good business head: he is, in fact, a qualified chartered accountant.

The village of Penshurst looks like a picture-postcard, compact and set amid fields. By the gate to Penshurst Place is "the original "Leicester

Square": a pretty ensemble of old buildings delightfully under-restored. This leads to the fine church with its curious four-pinnacled tower. Inside the church is a goodly collection of Sidney monuments.

There are two tea-rooms. Fir Tree House and Quaint Ways, and a splendid pub. When the garage, owned by Viscount de Lisle himself, is extraordinarily pretty.

The railway station is some two miles from the house. In suitable weather it's a pleasant walk and you can fortify yourself at the station end in the Little Brown Jug pub and restaurant. As a place to visit, Penshurst must be reckoned little short of perfection.

Nigel Andrew

Penshurst Place, Tonbridge, Kent, is open every afternoon (except Mondays) until October 5. It is open Bank Holiday Monday, Grounds 12.30-6pm; house 1-5.30pm. Light meals and tea available at the Endeavour Restaurant. All-inclusive tickets £2.50.

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BUCKS
Turville Valley
Distance: 4 miles

WEEKEND WALK

The Turville Valley lies a few miles north-west of Marlow-on-Thames in the Chiltern Hills. Although this is a short circular walk, allow a full half-day because the valley sides are steep, the landscape beautiful, the views compelling and the villages well worth exploring.

The walk begins opposite the Church of St-Mary-le-Moor in Cadmore End, from where a bridleway leads down into the valley through Hangar Wood, where deer can often be seen, and out of the trees. There is a fine view of the village of Fingest and the Turville windmill on the right. The Norman church of St Bartholomew at Fingest, with its curious twin-roofed tower, is well worth inspection, as is the Chequers pub just across the road.

Leave Fingest by the narrow footpath, which runs beside a flintstone wall towards the far side of the

valley, past the riding stables into the beautiful village of Turville with its half-timbered houses and yet another fine church, St Mary's, and a good country pub, the Bull and Butcher. The beechwoods hereabouts are always glorious and carpeted with bluebells in the late spring.

The footpath back to Cadmore End leads off from the village green, directly up the steep valley side towards Turville valley and the villages far below. The footpath is well marked and easy to follow up a narrow road for a short distance and then across a country lane, along a footpath at the top of Hangar Wood and so back to Cadmore End.

Rob Neillands

OUTINGS

FESTIVAL OF GARDENING AND MUSICAL DRESSAGE: Many well-known nurserymen will be represented as well as expert lecturers from the Chelsea Physic Garden and the Tradescant Trust. Gardener's Question Time today at 11.15am. Hatfield House, Hertfordshire (30 62823). Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Adult £2.20, child £2. Dressage: adult £1.40, child £1.10.

ANNUAL MODEL BOAT REGATTA: Members of the public invited to bring their own model electric, clockwork, steam or sailing boats (no petrol-driven boats) to the museum's boating pond. The London Toy & Model Museum, 23 Craven Hill, London W2 0PN. Adult £1.80, child 5-15 80p, under 5s free.

HMS DRAKE NAVAL BASE FAIR: More than 50 or more stalls selling craft and other produce, fairground stalls, rides for children, concerts by the Bands of the Royal Marines, Beating the Retreat and the field gun in HMS Drake, Devonport. Plymouth, Devon (0752 55525). Today, 1.15-5.15pm; adult 50p, child 30p.

THE PUTNEY SHOW: Numerous events, exhibitions and displays include terrier racing today, a heavy horse competition tomorrow. Arena events include the White Helmets, aerobics, Papuan band from New Guinea, Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery, Queen's Colour Squadron, Putney Lower Common, London SW15 (further information 01-871 6362). Today, tomorrow, noon-7pm. Arena events from 1pm. Admission free.

DISCOVERING WALES: Opportunity for families to visit locations of special interest in company with members of the Museum of Wales's staff, to look at flora and fauna, fossils, minerals, local history or industrial remains. Offa's Dyke Centre, Knighton, Powys (further information 0222 397951). Tomorrow, from 2pm.

MR WOOD'S FOSSILS: Displays of some of the most remarkable discoveries made by Stan Wood — fossil hunter and collector extraordinary. Highlights include the world's oldest complete fully land-going amphibian, the world's oldest harvestman spider and a reconstruction of the 2.5m long "amphibian crocodile" found near Cowdenbeath. Two live demonstrations of fossil hunting and preparation techniques by Mr Wood — today 11am-1pm, 2-4pm and at the same times on July 19. Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-582 8323). Today until Aug 3, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Free.

Judy Froshaug

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IN THE GARDEN

Hatching an unruly plot

Francesca Greenoak weeds out the problems with wild gardens

This week I am going to mow my meadow. I am going to mow it out of existence and return this little patch of tall grasses, dog daisy, primroses and buttercups to parity with the rest of the garden. It will be a sad wrench but I made a mistake in encouraging a semi-wild meadow area growing up to espalier apples which are an intrinsically artificial form, and call for mown grass around them. It is all too easy to go wrong with making a wild garden.

I have always found wild plants irresistible. In my first garden, I would have nothing but wild things. I loved those unruly plots dearly, but came to realize that some plants, such as the scrambling yellow herb bennet or sprawling bladder campion, though charming in their wild habitats will never really look good in a small garden.

The best route to success with wild flowers is to look carefully at plants in the wild and to plan according to what you see, relating your garden to various natural habitats. You don't need a great deal of space. I once had a successful mini-meadow with meadow saxifrage and snakehead fritillaries which was only the size of a single bed.

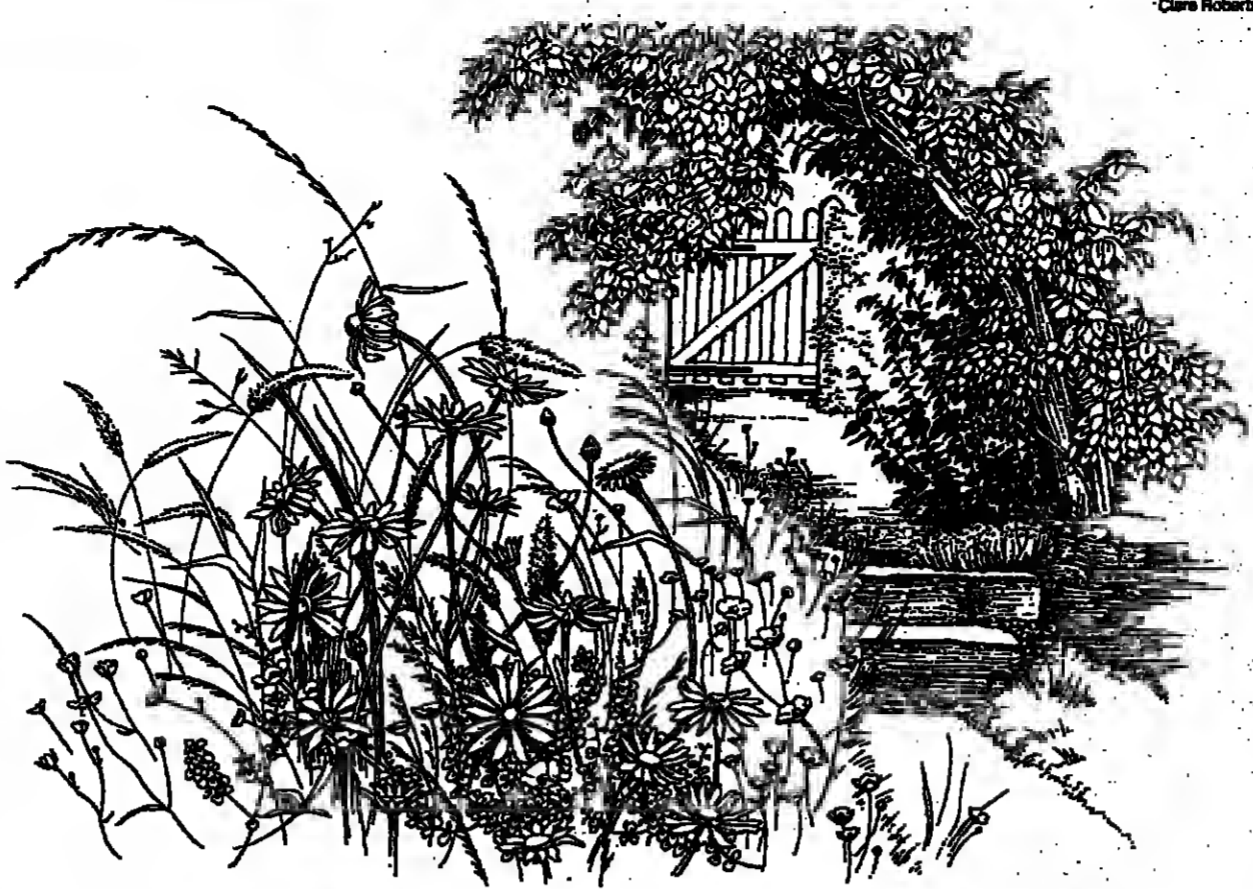
Garden meadows look best backed up to a hedge or a wall. In them you can grow a succession of flowers from snowdrops, wild daffodils (which look infinitely better in grass than the garden cultivars) dainty silver-pink lady's smocks, cowslips, buttercups

and clover. This takes you into early July, when I would recommend mowing a small garden meadow.

If you have lots of space you could entertain the larger summer plants such as the purple vetches, the pretty yellow meadow vetchling, meadow cranesbill (make sure it's the wild kind which is a glorious deep sky blue, not a garden variety) and even knapweed.

A shaded area under a hedge or beneath trees serves as a woodland-edge habitat. It can be planted with bluebell, and the beautiful wood anemone with its white petals tinged pink. There are perhaps periwinkle and the delightful low-growing moschatel known as town-hall clock because of its queerly box shaped flowerheads. Semi-woodland plants also look well by shady walls. This year, I have a colourful show of red campion brightening up a previously dreary north wall which it shares with bluebell, hedge garlic and fragrant dame's violet.

Other habitats which deserve serious consideration are a marshy area and a pond. Here the yellows of marsh marigold and wild flag and the splendid spikes of purple loosestrife will give you a succession of colour and interest. A dry stony habitat, like a rockery, may not suit every garden, but a wall, planted with saxifrages, wallflowers and ivy-leaved toadflax can make an interesting equivalent. Nor should you forget your flowerbeds. The wild



Making a meadow: ox-eye daisies, buttercups and sorrel, some of the wild plants that can be grown from seed

flowers of the cornfield which farmers so disliked are now quite uncommon. I find corn marigold, corn-cockle and red poppy an asset, though I haven't yet found a way of making cornflowers look at home.

Stocking a wild garden needs careful consideration. There are any number of firms offering seed nowadays, some of it a little dubious. If you are growing from seed, try to make sure it is native, not imported. I would always recommend starting wild plants off in seed trays - scattering seed on lawns and beds has dismal results.

However, before you buy, have a good look round wild

places in your area (even cities have them). You can see what grows well, and perhaps what species are scarce, and there may be opportunities for judicious seed gathering. Only take ripe seed: the wild population has to survive, and it is illegal to dig up any wild plant. Alternatively, beg a plant from someone who has an old garden with wild flowers in it. Growing the special wild plants of your own area is a far better form of conservation than introducing from external sources. It increases the local population, which may have its own genetic identity, and ensures its continuity if the original habitats are destroyed.

It is a great misconception that wild gardens are simply bits of ground left to run riot. Like any other garden, they need care and attention. Meadows areas in particular require mowing or they will become rank, and clumpy grasses will take over. Mowing in late June or early July is good for meadows which feature spring flowers, others can be mowed in August. Always remove the mowings. Using a sickle or scythe is satisfying if you have the skill, but a rotary mower without a roller, at the highest setting, will do the job.

Before you start, investigate the grass for frogs, grass-snakes and newts and remove

them to safety before the fatal blades get them. In the autumn, mow hard to give a neat appearance during the winter and a good start for next year.

Good quality wild seed is available from John Chambers, 15 West Leigh Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering, Northants (0538 513748); and Suffolk Seeds, Sawyers Farm Little Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk (0787 227247). The latter publish *Seed Growers Guide to Herbs and Wild Flowers* by Helen McEwen (Suffolk Herbs, £1.50 inc p&g), which tells you how to maximise your chances of success, it's not as easy as you might think.

Rich pickings

A certain amount of thinking of fruit and vegetables is necessary around mid-summer. It seems a shame to waste the things—they can be treated as a very early crop.

Vegetables that are usually eaten cooked such as

spinach, beet or Swiss chard can be eaten raw in salads when young. Baby carrots and lettuce sprouts can be served as a salad with a light mayonnaise or yoghurt. So as you can when thinning out carrots—the foliage is said to attract carrot fly.

In the fruit garden the first candidates are the gooseberries. Pick these gradually over the season, leaving just a few to expand into fine dessert fruit which require no sweetening. The early thinning is far too sharp to attempt raw, so put them into a tart or gooseberry fool. A little later, small apples

may require thinning after the natural "June drop". Let them swell a little but pick them off before the core is formed. The small fruit used to be known as *coollings*. An Eliza Acton recipe from her 1845 suggests they are rolled in sugar and baked slowly in a tart until the fruit is cooked through.

TIMES HINTS

- Remove dead flower-heads from roses, rhododendrons and bedding plants.
- Give cabbage-family seedlings an evening dousing with derris, if flea-beetle is a problem.
- Put netting over strawberries to prevent birds eating them.
- Roses for indoor decoration should be cut with long stems as a kind of summer pruning.
- Thoroughly water wall fruit trees once a week even when weather is wet.
- Earth up potatoes.

COLLECTING

Fair deals for bibliophiles

"Do you remember the brown suit, which you made to hang upon you, till all your friends cried shame upon you, it grew so threadbare — and all because of that folio Beaumont and Fletcher, which you dragged home late at night from Barker's in Covent Garden? ... for the mighty sum of 15 or 16 shillings was it?"

Charles Lamb's mighty and glorious extravaganza in the early years of the last century, counted then in carefully husbanded shillings, would now cost a similar number, not of pounds, but of hundreds of pounds. It is true that, above all, dear Lamb wanted to read the book and in his day there were no Mermaid dramatists or Everyman or paperbacks, but now you might comb the bookshops of the world to find the 1647 Beaumont and Fletcher.

What is true for a near contemporary edition of an Elizabethan dramatist is equally so for original editions of 18th and 19th-century novels, first editions of Palladio and Isaac Newton, or early printings of *Little Giddy Washes* and Mrs Trimmer's *History of the Robins*.

The Elizabethans collected first and early printings of the

For example, there are eight first editions of G.A. Henty in the original pictorial cloth at Henty wrote 10 times that number. Many of us aspired to be one of the clean-limbed young men he portrayed, but never quite made it. From John Grant, a bookseller in the same city, comes a collection of the works of J. Lewis M. King, justly relegated to the role of minor artist, but how charming was her work and what pleasure she brought to her contemporaries.

If you are serious-minded and like early books, there are still occasional *incunabula* to be picked up (so called because they were printed before 1500 and come from the "cradle of printing"). At Cavendish Rare Books is Peter Comestor's *Scholastica historia*, Strasbourg 1483, for £2,800. This copy has copious manuscript notes and drawings. "These," says the description, "commemorate as much on the scholar who made them as on the text. The book is full of 15th-century joie de vivre."

Robert Steedman of Newcastle also has an *incunabulum*. It is Johannes Nider's *Fracturorum drinae legis*, Cologne 1472, bound in blindstamped calf over wood on board, for £8,500. Although it is a work of theology, it has passages on witchcraft and sorcery, a subject of perennial interest.

Rosenthal of Oxford has a first edition of Heine's *Buch der Lieder*, 1827, for £1,400, and Fisher and Sperr of Highgate bring Christina Rossetti's privately printed *Verses - Dedicated to her Mother*, 1847, at £2,750. Bertram Rota displays the heavily revised typescript in the author's hand of Ezra Pound's polemic *Our Own Form of Government*, £3,000, while John Wilson of Eynsham offers a fine autograph letter by Nelson for £2,850.



What's up doc from first edition of *Stoy's Bilder-Akademie für die Jugend*, 1780, £500

classics, sometimes having them richly bound and embellished with their coats of arms. Few of these splendid collections remain intact, most of their contents having been sold and resold over the intervening centuries to satisfy the ever increasing number of book-hungry collectors.

In time the majority of those fine early books became absorbed into the great libraries such as the British Museum (now the British Library), the Bibliothèque Nationale and the universities of the New World, never again to be offered for sale.

Book collecting has no boundaries; it is a measure of the imagination and knowledge of the collector usually, but not always, controlled by practical considerations. Not, for instance, in the case of Richard Heber (1773-1833) who said: "No gentleman can be without three copies of a book, one for show, one for use and one for borrowers." When he died, his books filled six houses.

Or Sir Thomas Phillipps (1792-1872), who bought every manuscript on which he could lay his hands and paid his bookseller's bills only under duress. His collection has taken three generations to disperse, and even now the last vestiges of it are to be found on a bookseller's shelves in New York. In our own day, C.K. Ogden (1899-1957), the originator of Basic English, had houses full of books. It is still possible over the course of a lifetime to exchange a lot of money for vast quantities of books, though the prevailing taste nowadays is to be more selective.

The annual Antiquarian Bookfair certainly presents a good cross-section of what an industrious collector may find in 1986.

Didier Lecoindre brings from Paris some splendid books on French gardens, and Sims, Reed and Fogg have Volland's sumptuous edition of *Daphnis et Chloé* which, with 151 original lithographs by Pierre Bonnard, cannot be expensive at £3,000.

There are fine bird books with magnificent, coloured plates by John Gould, an illustrated manuscript made in 1925 by Sangorski and Sutcliffe for £25,000, and much more. That they cost thousands of pounds is a sign of the times. Charles Lamb called them the kind of books "for the eye to glide over".



Natural laws from *Stoy*

For most of us, however, it is the ordinary, everyday books that feed our minds and shape our lives. These will be found notubriously on the upper and lower shelves, and for a few of us they may still awaken the excitement that Charles Lamb felt as he carried home his Beaumont and Fletcher.

Ben Weinreb

SHOPPING

Modern gear for the action pack

The sun's out and sport's in for the healthy holidaymaker. Beryl Downing discovers some practical ideas that can help turn you into an instant expert

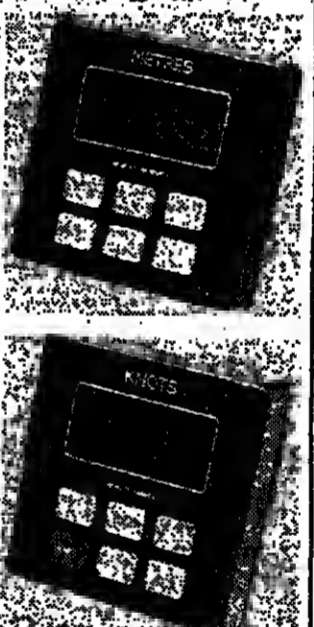
Holiday equipment is no longer based on the idea of interludes of sunbath, or possibly sinful, sloth. The smart way to rest from your labours these days is to spend more energy on a "special interest" break. Action man — or woman — has never had it so good. The pursuit of health has made the idea of leisurely dips in a warm sea seem positively decadent. There are now holidays designed for every sport from airports to windsurfing and ponytrekking to potholing and to complement the activity boom there is a rash of products designed to make anyone an instant expert. Here is a selection of ideas for the most popular sporting holidays.

CAMPING

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Riding the waves and hillsides: (top) the one-handed direction finder for sailors from Lokata; (right) the attractive new Fansail for windsurfers, made in four sizes and designed by Torix Bennett, and (below) a modern version of the cavalry saddle, designed by John Goodwin for long-distance riding, giving more back support.



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AUCTIONS

OH MY! Relics of Omai, the first Polynesian to visit Britain, are on sale for the first time since Tobias Furneaux brought him back to England in 1773. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-881 7511). Viewing tomorrow 12 noon-4pm and Mon 9.30am-12.30pm. Sale Mon 3pm.

RUSSIAN AVANT-GARDE: The revolutionary spirit carried Russian artists towards abstraction in advance of western Europe and rare relics from this exciting time are included in this modern print sale. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01-882 8060). Viewing tomorrow 5-6pm and Mon 9am-4pm. Sale Wed 2.30pm.

GOING CONTEMPORARY: Mr and Mrs Friedrich Karl Johansen of Essen, collected contemporary art in the 1960s and early 1970s: Malcolm Morley and Howard Kanovitz, Lucio Fontana, Piero Manzoni, Arman, Picasso and Henry Moore. Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Viewing tomorrow 12

noon-4.30pm. Mon and Tues 9am-4.30pm. Sale Wed 7pm.

CHURCHILLIANA: The papers of Lt.-Col. Elliot Crawshaw-Williams (1879-1962), Churchill's assistant private secretary at the Colonial Office from 1906-8, contain fascinating sidelights on the great man. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (01-829 8602). Viewing Mon, Tues and Wed 9am-4.30pm and morning of sale. Sale Thurs 2pm.

MOTORING MEMORABILIA: Onslow's of Winchester are holding their biggest ever sale of motoring collectors' items. Enthusiasts can leaf through rare programmes and old magazines, admire Roy Lockolds's paintings, Brooklands or pick their way through old acetylene headlights and bulb horns. Onslow's of 123 Hursley Road, Winchester (0962 75411) is the Old Club House, Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey (0039 233007) on day of sale. Viewing June 28 9am-12.30pm. Sale June 28 1pm. Geraldine Norman

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REVIEW

Great Scott, this is swinging stuff

Tommy Whittle/Alan Barnes Straight Eight (Miles Music MM 007) Stan Tracey's Head Live at Ronnie Scott's (Steam SJ 113) Clark Tracey Quintet Suddenly Last Tuesday (Cadillac SGJ 1013) Kenny Burrell On View at the Five Spot Cafe (Blue Note BST 84021) Kenny Burrell Round About Midnight at the Cafe Bohemia (Blue Note BST 81524) Paul Gonsalves Gettin' Together (Jazzland JJC-203)

No sooner had I finished reading John Fordham's hugely entertaining new biography of Ronnie Scott (Let's Join Hands and Contact the Living, Elm Tree Books, £6.95) than a clutch of albums arrived to illustrate the hardness of the British jazz scene, in which the music flourishes despite conditions that are rarely friendly and often downright hostile.

Straight Eight is the first product of Miles Music, a label which boasts its laudable intention of becoming "a British Blue Note" - meaning that solid, swinging hard bop, clearly recorded and utterly devoid of gimmicks, is the aim. The front line of this quintet mixes the experience of the tenor saxophonist Tommy Whittle, an under-appreciated veteran, with the freshness of the alto saxophonist Alan Barnes, who came to attention via his membership (recently terminated) of Tommy Chase's popular quartet.

Whittle will astonish those who think of him as a good weakener and not much more. Marvellously assured and graceful, his solos bring a graceful rhythmic sense to a plentiful supply of attractive ideas. The agile Barnes, a perfect complement, clearly relishes the resilience of the rhythm section, featuring Micki Pym (piano), Alec Dankworth (bass) and Alan



Sax appeal: Tommy Whittle, an under appreciated veteran, is marvellously inventive

Jackson (drums), and his clarinet work on "Peppercorn", his own up-tempo tune, forms an unexpected and welcome addition to the instrument's thin post-war literature.

Gillespie's "Con Alma" and Gonsalves' "Stabilemates" make appropriate material, along with several idiomatic originals and a couple of attractive ballad features - "That's All for Whittle", "Goodbye" for Barnes. Unpretentious and substantial, the record has the relaxed warmth of a good night at Scott's club.

The first album by Stan Tracey's latest band is, in fact, that very thing - appropriate by of course, since Tracey was Scott's house pianist for many seasons. Formed last year, Hexad proves itself during the course of Live at Ronnie Scott's to be a band that takes a particular pride in its ability to swing as hard as any led by

Art Blakey or Horace Silver. When did we last hear a British band hit the kind of groove that burns throughout the piece called "The Cardiff Chapter"?

Is there, too, an alto saxophonist anywhere in the world more exciting than Jamie Talbot? This extraordinary NYJO graduate shines in any company, but seems even more than usually stimulated here. It is considerably to their credit that Talbot's front-line partners, Guy Barker (trumpet) and Art Themen (soprano and tenor saxophones), are not overshadowed; both shine in a passage of startling collective improvisation, while the leader's piano is the music's cooled mainspring.

Clark Tracey, who took his first masterly steps with his father's band seven years ago and has since become a drummer of outstanding sensitivity

and propulsiveness, plays as hard behind Hexad as he does throughout Suddenly Last Tuesday, the recording debut of his own quintet.

Barker and Talbot are again present here, and anyone who doubts the ability of the younger generation to handle traditional materials should attend to the confident ballad of "Violets For Your Furs", in which Barker wraps his lovely silvery tone around Talbot's sinuous phrases. This is a fine start for a very promising group.

Reissues continue to flood the market at a rate that surely cannot be maintained; now is the time, then, to acquire some of the lesser known gems. Kenny Burrell, probably pre-eminent among modern jazz guitarists in the years since the death of Wes Montgomery, failed to arrive on schedule at Ronnie Scott's last

month, but he can be heard to good effect in two freshly extant Blue Note albums, both digitally remastered.

On View at the Five Spot Cafe, by a quintet including Art Blakey and the wonderful tenor saxophonist Tina Brooks, is from 1959, while Kenny Dorham's Round About Midnight at the Cafe Bohemia dates from three years earlier.

Both are relaxed sessions taped in small New York clubs, Burrell's scoring on bluesy after-hours atmosphere and Dorham's on the presence of J. R. Monterose, another tenor saxophonist from jazz's twilight zone, and Arthur Edwards, a skilful and swinging drummer.

Burrell apart, the only common denominator between the two sessions is Bobby Timmons, the pianist who made his name with such popular soul-jazz compositions as "Moanin'" (for the Jazz Messengers) and "This Here" (for Cannonball Adderley). Aged a mere 19 at the time of the first of the Five Spot date, he shows how strength met subtlety in his playing; sadly, his death in 1974 came before his reputation could be rescued from inaccurate stereotyping.

From the 1960s comes Gettin' Together, a remarkably satisfying small-group recording by Paul Gonsalves, the tenorist best known for his labours over almost a quarter of a century with Duke Ellington's orchestra.

Here, with Nat Adderley's perky, agile cornet for company in front of the dream rhythm section of Wynton Kelly (piano), Sam Jones (bass) and Jimmy Cobb (drums), he rhapsodies through several unexpected hard-bop routines but also unwraps a soft-lights-and-sweet-perfume version of "I Surrender, Dear" that would not be shamed by comparisons with Coleman Hawkins and Ben Webster.

Richard Williams

THE WEEK AHEAD By Peter Waymark



Odd man out: Michael York in Success Is the Best Revenge

Making an exhibition of itself

RADIO

If you want to find a boom area in this depressed country of ours, look no further than museums. New ones are opening at the rate of one a week and though not all survive, it is a remarkable story.

Behind it lies a combination of public thirst for knowledge and efforts by advertising and marketing men to dispel the image of dusty, fusty halls. Suddenly, museums are fun. In A Future For the Past? (Radio 4, Thurs, 7.40-9pm), Robert Hewison takes a critical look at the museum bonanza, before introducing a phone-in with Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert, and Professor Brian Morris, the voluble Welshman who heads the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Commissioners of Restoration comedy, with its asstringent wit and possibly involved plots, will relish the new production of George Etherege's satire, The Man of Mode (Radio 3, Fri, 7.45-9.35pm). Derek Jacobi plays the hero, Dorimant, who lives off the fashionable ladies of the day, and the plum part of the dandy, Sir Fopling Flutter, goes to John Webb.

Another play with a period flavour is John Clifford's Losing Venice (Radio 3, Tues, 7.30-9pm), a success of last year's Edinburgh Festival fringe. David Rintoul is the newly-wed Duke who finds himself saddled with a frigid wife and decides that waging war is a more rewarding exercise than making love.

In Special Subject (Radio 4, Tues, 3-4pm), Melville Jones has fashioned one of those neatly plotted domestic dramas that are so often the stuff of the Afternoon Play.

Marion (Karen Ford) is an unfulfilled housewife anxious that son Tom will have the university education she missed. But Tom is more interested in stomping with a jazz band than swilling up Oliver Cromwell. Can the solution be coaching from Marion's lonely bachelor neighbour?

One of Radio 4's perennials, A Word in Edgwards, is back tomorrow (9-9.30pm). Beryl Bainbridge, Paul Barker, former editor of New Society, and Tom Braun, an Oxford historian, chew over patriotism, nationalism and jingoism.

Family solidarity in voice of protest

FILMS ON TV

More than most film makers, Jerzy Skolimowski has used his work as an exploration in autobiography. We saw it in Moonlighting and it is even more evident in his 1984 picture, Success Is the Best Revenge, which has its British television premiere on Thursday (Channel 4, 9.30-11.10pm).

Skolimowski's theme is the artist in exile, one that has become an increasing concern during the years he has been forced to work outside his native Poland. For much of this time Skolimowski has been based in Britain, where from Deep End onwards he has made a series of idiosyncratic and highly personal films.

Though he has assimilated himself in Western culture, Skolimowski has retained an emotional allegiance to his homeland and shared the agonies of Poland's recent history. In Moonlighting he expressed these ideas through a group of Polish building workers doing up a house in London while awaiting news of the Solidarity crisis back home.

Success Is the Best Revenge takes the process a stage further by exploring the experience of exile through different generations and at the same time bringing the argument much closer to Skolimowski's own position. Indeed apart from the casting of Michael York, Success Is the Best Revenge is very clearly a York affair.

York plays Alex, a Polish theatre director who has just

been allowed to leave the country and joins his wife and two sons in London. He has tended to come to terms with his exile. He is successful and does not have the urgency to get back home. Not so his rebellious 15-year-old son, Adam, who secretly plans to return to Warsaw.

The divergence in attitudes comes into focus through a theatrical "happening" staged by Alex which takes its audience on a tour of recent Polish history. It brings Alex face-to-face with the guilt he feels at his tacit acceptance of exile.

Success Is the Best Revenge is based on a short story by Skolimowski's son, who has the Anglicised name of Michael Lyndon and effectively plays himself in the film. Skolimowski's other son, George, and wife, Joanna Szczepiec, take the other principal roles and the house where the action is set is the Skolimowski's own, the same house that was renovated in Moonlighting.

RECOMMENDED

Topkapı (1964): Jolly robbery caper set in Istanbul which brought Peter Ustinov an Oscar (BBC1, today, 6.35-8.35pm).

Billy Budd (1952): Ustinov again, with drama on an 18th century warship (Channel 4, 11pm-1.05am).

Pandora and the Flying Dutchman (1950): Surreal fantasy with Ava Gardner and James Mason (BBC1, tomorrow, 4.05-6.05pm). Badlands (1973): Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek as criminals on the run (BBC2, tomorrow, 10.10-11.40pm). A Midsummer Night's Dream (1984): Shakespeare according to the Lindsay Kemp company (Channel 4, Wed, 11pm-12.30am).

Baby batterers' cry for help

Battered Baby (BBC2, Mon, 8.10-9pm) could well have been one of those docudramas from the Ken Loach-Tony Garnett stable. In fact, it is the first of two Horizon programmes on the baffling conundrum of why parents assault and sometimes kill their tiny offspring.

The programme uses a distillation of several case histories, improvised by a group of actors so convincingly that it is hard to realize you are not watching real people.

Taised out through interviews, the story is of an eight-week-old baby girl admitted to hospital with a broken arm and multiple bruising. The monosyllabic, inarticulate parents, nervously puffing on cigarettes, prevaricate and admit nothing.

(BBC1, tomorrow, 6.40-7.15pm) Dr Runcie talks to Cliff Michelmore about his life and chooses his favourite music. Desert Island Discs for the God slot.

Which makes a neat link with Favourite Things (BBC2, tomorrow, 8.05-8.35pm), a show started by the late Roy Plomley and inherited by Richard Baker. Kicking off a new series, the smaller Ronnie bakes bread, walks his dogs round the golf course and chats about his life.

The Demon Lover (ITV, today, 9.15-10.15pm), a ghost story by Elizabeth Bowen set in London and Berkshire during the Second World War. Dorothy Tutin is a woman who receives a letter from a fiancé presumed killed in 1916.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 982

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, June 26, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1X9. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, June 28, 1986.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Sudden disaster (11), 9 Gourmet (7), 10 Steam bath (5), 11 Consume (3), 13 Neglect to do (4), 16 Indian dress (4), 17 Shrine prophecies (6), 18 Askew (4), 20 Short note (1), 21 Two-hooded carriage (6), 22 Misfortunes (4), 23 Net (4), 25 Sink under weight (3), 28 Perfect (5), 29 Not gregarious (7), 30 High treason (4-7).

ACROSS: 1 Waffle 5 Shanty 8 Yet 9 Fable 10 Enclave 11 Lacer 12 Abrasive 14 Breech 17 Derive 19 Push-bike 22 Scept 24 Howdah 25 Lifts 26 Ore 27 Usurer 28 Relic. DOWN: 2 Alone 3 Faberge 4 Evesham 5 Steer 6 Aegis 7 Tel Aviv 13 Ace 15 Raunch 16 Curd 17 Dwellier 18 Restful 20 Hider 21 Lichor 23 Quest.

SOLUTION TO NO 976 (last Saturday's prize concise): ACROSS: 1 Non sequitur 9 Amantia 10 Nappé 11 Yea 13 Car 15 Make 17 Ambic 18 Plop 20 Sana 21 Fulle 22 Rial 23 Taxi 25 Sit 26 Sover 29 Hairpin 30 Silly season. DOWN: 2 Coter 3 Sand 4 Quay 5 Iona 6 Uppala 7 Catch phrase 8 Vegetarians 12 Elucid 14 Tap 15 Salski 19 Origami 20 Set 24 Appro 25 Peel 26 Thus 27 Visa.

The sound and the fury

Queen A Kind of Magic (EMI EU3509). Genesis Invisible Touch (Virgin GENLP2). The Smiths The Queen is Dead (Rough Trade Rough 96). The Fabulous Thunderbirds Turf Eruff (Epic EPC26883).

Queen's 14th album, A Kind of Magic, sold 100,000 copies in the seven days after its release, and entered the British chart at number one. A week later Invisible Touch by Genesis replaced it at the top of the chart.

Clearly, these are two of the most spectacularly successful releases this year, yet hardly a good word has been said about either in the press. What is their appeal, and why does it not extend to those of us who are given the records to review?

Both groups employ musicianship and production values that are very high, standard to create albums of an unvarying and predictable quality, giving good value for money but providing no new insights.

Queen's album already contains three hit singles, "One Vision", "Friends Will Be Friends", and the title-track. Freddie Mercury does a fine camp imitation of Diana Ross on "Pain Is So Close To

Pleasure", and elsewhere there are baroque metal anthems, like "Princes of the Uoriverse" with its Aryan sentiments, that have as much chic as a set of flying ducks on the wall.

While Queen flaunt their lack of concern for the fashionable music scene, try a bit harder to gain the credible. Having divested themselves of their earlier penchant for long, rambling "conceptual" arrangements, they now go for a lighter, soultinged pop-rock approach and end up sounding like the Phil Collins Band. "Anything She Does" has a swift, crisp beat and synthesizer horn sounds while "The Last Domino" rumps along to a Seventies neo-disco beat.

But with their places assured in the hearts and record collections of so many devoted listeners, the function of reviewing them tends to become a job of espionage. It is hard to decide which are more irrelevant, the records or the reviews.

No less predictable has been the enthusiastic response to The Smiths' third album The Queen is Dead. Morrissey, with his fey mannerisms, preposterous hearing aid and morose warbling voice is the current darling of the critical elite.

Johnny Marr strums catchy chord sequences while the

awkward, permanently disaffected Morrissey sings such comically despondent lines as "Oh Mother, I can feel the soil falling over my head", his voice pitching just sharp or flat of the wavering melodies.

The band have recaptured some of their earlier enthusiasm for the rock beat and hit a purposeful stride with songs like "Vicar in a Tutu" and "The Queen is Dead". But the earnest touches of juvenile dementia that attend every nuance of Morrissey's singing and wordplay make it a difficult album to take seriously, let alone to regard as the saving grace of contemporary rock.

Having encountered three such baffling extremes of artistic endeavour, it is comforting for an old rock recidivist like me to relax with the familiar R'n'B doodlings of The Fabulous Thunderbirds. After a decade together without a hint of chart success, they have suddenly scored a major American hit with Turf Eruff.

Dave Edmunds' production adds a touch of modernity to the harmonica/slide guitar instrumentation of "Tell Me", and "Look at That, Look at That" chugs along the 12-bar tracks with an easy dependable locomotion.

David Sinclair



Queen: king of the album charts, but lacking magic touch

BRIDGE

Codes, aggression and double cross

The language of bidding embraces its own vocabulary and syntax which all good players respect. Speaking again after a pre-emptive bid and trap bidding are two sins which are universally condemned.

Many years ago I was playing in a team event in Blankenburg. This was the bidding at game all:

W N E S
3♠ 4♠ 4♥ 5♠
No bid No bid No bid No bid

This contract went one down, which seems unimportant except that five hearts, which I as East was itching to double would have cost 1700. I was not pleased, and regrettably showed it. The incident has been ensnared in Bridge patois with the expressions "doing a Blankenburg".

Are the rules completely inflexible? Even strict grammarians will countenance some "loosening" of the rules, but such heady stuff must be kept out of reach of the children.

This hand from Tournament Bridge, where the advantage of an economical sacrifice is especially significant, illustrates the drawbacks of the rigid approach.

Teams North-South game Dealer North

then punishes him by unparadoxically bidding four spades.

But if there was no excuse for South in that sequence, this one confronts him with a genuine dilemma.

W N E S
3♠ 4♠ 4♥ 5♠
No bid No bid No bid No bid

Here, if South passes, West will make four spades while North-South can make five hearts. Admittedly an extreme case, but to cater for this Sheehan and I agreed that if South, with a hand of exceptional distribution, wishes to reopen, he may double, leaving the final decision to North.

The effect is that with a defensive hand, including secondary values in spades, North may pass, otherwise return to South's suit.

Trap bidding goes unrecognized at the vicarage, where no stigma attaches to a sequence like this:

W N E S
2♠ 3♠ 3♥ 3♠
No bid No bid No bid No bid

Poor North loyally scratches up a competitive bid of three spades; and South, who was content to let East-West play three hearts,

Game all North South + 60 Dealer West
W N E S
1♠ No bid 2♠ 3♠
No bid No bid No bid No bid

Suppose South holds:

W N E S
4♠ 10♠ 4♥ 4♠
A 10 4 4

If North has a good raise to two spades, South would like to be in game, otherwise three spades would be enough. For Tournament players the answer lies in the "game try double". The infrequency of wishing to double the opponents at the three level in a suit they have bid and supported liberates the call for a more useful purpose.

Very occasionally, logic rather than partnership understanding justifies an apparent "double cross". North, an international player, was playing with a partner of equal stature when he held this hand:

W N E S
4♠ 10♠ 4♥ 4♠
A 10 4 4

This is how the bidding unfolded:

CHESS

A missed chance

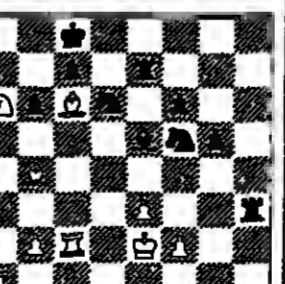
Preparations for the Centenary World Championship to be held in London are now well under way. Dr Niklaj Krjovic of the USSR Chess Federation has just completed his trip of inspection and pronounced himself satisfied with our arrangements.

Meanwhile, Steve Doyle, President of the United States Chess Federation, accompanied by policy board member Woody Harris, are due in London this weekend to discuss ways and means of utilizing the centenary to promote chess in the USA. Evidently, the London-Leningrad split this time neatly echoes the New York St Louis, New Orleans distribution of games for the inaugural Steinitz-Zukertort match of 1886.

Anatoly Karpov has won Bugojno, his final event before the Championship with the fine score of 8½/14. Here is the exciting finish of his first game with Tony Miles, a game in which the English Olympic number one missed an outstanding chance of victory. See diagram.

White: Karpov; Black: Miles
Position after White's 33rd move.

Karpov has the makings of a mating attack in the Queen's Rook's file. One threat, for example, is N-B5! Now, however, Miles launches one



of those surprise counterattacks for which he is justly famous:

33... Bc1 34 R-c1
If 34 Rxb N-Q5ch wins.
34... Bc1 35 R-c1 Nc3
36 R-c2 Nc3 37 R-c1 Nc3
38 R-c2 Nc3 39 R-c1 Nc3
40 R-c2 Nc3

Letting slip a chance to win: 40... N-B5ch followed by... N-K4 leaves Karpov struggling. Now the former champion swiftly consolidates.

Draw Agreed

For information about tickets in the opening ceremony and games of the forthcoming London World Championship, telephone John Boon or Susie King at American Express, 01-637 8600.

Raymond Keene

THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS OFF THE RAILS: Jon Voight and Eric Roberts play escaped convicts hunting through Alaska on a runaway train (18), a powerful action drama based on a script by Kurosawa. Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Friday.



SWING IN THE MOOD: Glenn Miller was lost during a flight over the English Channel in the Second World War. But his style lives on and so does his orchestra, perpetrating the indelible clarinet-led sound. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3131), tonight, 7.30pm.



RADIO TROUBLE SHOOTER: Margo MacDonald succeeds Roger Cook as radio's consumer champion in Face the Facts, the successor to Checkpoint and promising the same fearless exposes of injustice, incompetence and fraud. Radio 4, Wednesday, 7.20-7.45pm.



CONCERTS ORKNEY FIRST: Peter Maxwell Davies gives his Violin Concerto its world premiere on Orkney, where he lives, with Isaac Stern as soloist and Andre Previn conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Live coverage on BBC2 and Radio 3, today, from 8pm.



GALLERIES PASTEL SHADES: Jules Cayron was a French society painter whose portrait of his wife, completed in 1903, is included in the first London exhibition for 50 years devoted exclusively to pastel painting. Clarendon Gallery, London W1 (01-439 4557), from Tuesday.



THEATRE LUNCH BREAK: Jill Bennett plays a school dinner lady who fills in time picking up men in the park in Lunch Break, a black comedy by Sean Mathias first seen at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Boulevard Theatre, Brewer Street, London W1 (01-437 2661), from Thursday.

THE TIMES CHOICE

CONCERTS

ASHKENAZY/ECO: Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in Richard Strauss's Metamorphosen, Dvorak's Songs of Nature. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Today, 7.30pm. BPO/SNAPE: Hugh Maguire conducts the Britten-Pears Orchestra in Vaughan Williams's Tallis Fantasia, Colin Matthews's Divertimento. The Mallings, Snape, Suffolk (072 8853543). Today, 8pm. LISZT HOMMAGE: André Watts marks the centenary of Liszt's death with the Sonata, Paganini Etudes, items from Années de Pelerinage and late works. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Credit cards 01-928 8800. Tomorrow, 3.15pm. POGORELICH'S PROKOFIEV: Between Haydn's Symphony No 100 'Military' and Kodaly's Hary Janos Suite, Ivo Pogorelich solos in Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3. Barbican Centre, Tomorrow, 7.30pm.



PRESTON RECITAL: Simon Preston, (above) organist of Westminster Abbey, gives arecital in aid of Westminster Children's Hospital. Works by Elgar, Handel, Liszt, Saint-Saëns. Westminster Abbey (credit cards 01-379 6433). Wed, 7.30pm.

ROCK AND JAZZ

SIMPLE MINDS: Jim Kerr's hugely successful band takes to the open air, with the Waterboys, Lloyd Cole and the Regulous Doctor and the Medics in support. Today and tomorrow, Milton Keynes Bowl (information from 01-741 8989). ANDRE PREVIN FESTIVAL: Tonight, the Glenn Miller Orchestra; on Mon, the Modern Jazz Quartet will doubtless prove itself as perfectly balanced and serenely creative as ever.

FILMS

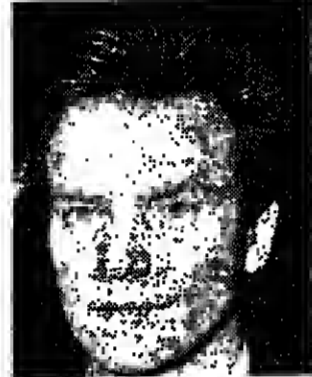
on Tues, John McLaughlin presents a new edition of the Mahavishnu Orchestra, once the fastest and fiercest exponents of the jazz-rock fusion. From tonight, Festival Hall, London SE1 (01-928 3191). MARIA MULDAUR: Blues, jazz and probably a little gentle West Coast rock too, from the singer of 'Midnight at the Oasis' Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747). DON WILLIAMS: Pitched somewhere between J. Cale and Val Doonican, Williams brings a neighbourly charm to his consoling country ballads. Tues, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4881).

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Donizetti's Mary Stuart can be seen tonight, Tues and Fri (all at 7.30pm). Dvorak's Rusalka continues on Wed and next Sat at 7pm, with Birnstiel's The Mask of Orpheus on Thurs at 7pm. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). ROYAL OPERA: Tonight at 7.30pm Eugene Onegin. Sir Colin Davis conducts. And on Wed, also at 7.30pm Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Apollo Theatre, Oxford WC2 (01-240 1066). GLYNDEBOURNE: Albert Herring this afternoon and Mon at 5.35pm. Tomorrow at 4.35pm and next Sat at 5.35pm, Monteverdi's The Coronation of Poppea. Then on Fri at 5.50pm, Simon Boccanegra. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812411). OPERA NORTH: The Rakel's Progress is in Nottingham tonight. It is accompanied by Gounod's Faust on Tues and Fri, and Mozart's Don Giovanni on Wed and Sat. All performances begin at 7.15pm. Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 423215). Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 228255). WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Berg's Wozzeck and the WNO's week in Oxford and goes to Birmingham on Thurs. Also The Barber of Seville (Wed and Sat) and Otello (Tues and Fri). All performances at 7.15pm. Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 4868). SCOTTISH OPERA: Anthony Asch's version of Tosca (Tues and Thurs at 7.15pm). Eden Court Theatre, Bishop's Road, Inverness (0463 221718).

FILMS

OPENINGS THE MONEY PIT (PG): Franc's romantic comedy in search of freshness and finesse as an unmarried couple try to renovate a crumbling old house. Plaza (01-437 1234). From Fri.



BRING ON THE NIGHT (15): Documentary portrait of the rock musician Sting (above) preparing in Paris for an album and concert tour; directed by Michael Apted. Prince Charles (01-437 8181). From Fri.

SELECTED

POLICE (15): Maurice Pialat's brooding thriller, with Gérard Philipe as a tough inspector. Lumiere (01-836 0891). Ranoir (01-837 8402). Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). AFTER HOURS (15): Martin Scorsese's provocative film combines the pleasures of a beautifully-played farce with a bleak nightmare about urban angst. With Griffith Dunne. Ranoir (01-837 8402). Gata Notting Hill (01-221 0220).

DANCE

BALLET RAMBERT enters the last week of its London season. Today, Mon and Tues the programme is Christopher Bruce's new Caramonias with Glen Tetley's Pierrot Lunaire and Richard Alton's Java. Java continues in the final programme (Wed, June 23) with Tetley's Riscare, Michael Clark's Swamp and the premiere of Ashley Page's ballet to Harrison Birtwistle's Carmen Arcadiae Mechanicae Perpetuum. Sadlers Wells (01-278 8918). ROYAL BALLET completes its week at Birmingham today with matinee and evening performances of Ashton's Birthday Offering and The Dream plus Jiri Kylian's Return to the Strange Land. Back in London, two performances of Giselle with Flavens Tucker (Mon) and Maria Almeida (Tues). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486). Covent Garden (01-240 1066). NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: At Bradford today, two showings of The Nutcracker; then at Crewe, Thurs-June 28, a triple bill including Michael Corder's new Ancient Airs and Dances.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WESSEX: Fay Godwin, one of my favourite landscape photographers, has the uncanny ability to evoke mood and atmosphere through clouds, trees and stones. Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock, Chippenham, Wilt (024 973 459).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

NEAPTIDE: Award-winning play by Sarah Daniels. John Burgess directs. Cortesio (01-928 2252). Previews Thurs, Fri, June 28. Opens July 2.

OPENINGS

AN ECHO IN THE BONE: Jamaican drama, set in 1937 in the aftermath of the killing of a white estate owner by a black worker. Yvonne Brewster directs the Talawa Theatre company in Dennis Scott's play. Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chancery Street, London WC1 (01-637 8270). Previews Tues and Wed. Opens Thurs. TO ALL IN TENTS: Two couples meet on a camping holiday in France, 1968, after the Paris riots. Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). From Tues.

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PRAIRIE DU CHIEN/THE SHAWL: David Mamet's new double bill, well served by David de Keyser, Michael Feast and Connie Booth. Theatre Upstairs (01-730 2554). CIRCE AND BRAVO: Faye Dunaway graces Donald Freed's messy foray into nuclear politics with mesmeric vigour. Directed by Harold Pinter. Hampstead (01-722 9301).

OUT OF TOWN

BLACKPOOL: Run For Your Wife: Long-running farce in a touring version, starring Les Dawson, Eric Sykes. The Grand (0253 28372). CHICHESTER: Richard Briers is Lord Foppington in the classic 17th-century comedy by Sir John Vanbrugh. Festival Theatre (0243 781321). Previews Mon and Tues, opens Wed. NORTHAMPTON: Far From the Madding Crowd: World premiere of Vilma Hollingberry's adaptation of the Thomas Hardy novel. Royal Theatre (0504 35533). Opens Thurs. NOTTINGHAM: Saled Dey's Elizabeth Seal, Mary Lincoln read the cast of a new production of the popular musical, directed by Kenneth Alan Taylor. Transfers to the Churchill, Bromley, in July. Playhouse (0602 419419). Opens Wed.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Subscription booking open for autumn season, with new production of The Mikado (by Jonathon Miller), Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci, Carmen, and premiere of Janacek's The Diary of One Who Disappeared. ENO, London Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 2899).

LONDON FESTIVAL

BALLET: Summer season includes Coppelia, Giselle, Onegin, La Sylphide, Aurora and Frederick Ashton's Romeo and Juliet. Also world premiere of work by Christopher Bruce. July 14-Aug 16. South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

NEWCASTLE MARITIME FESTIVAL: Newcastle's seafaring history is focus of this year's festival, with concerts featuring music by Debussy and Britten and performances of Treasure

ISLAND AND THE TEMPEST

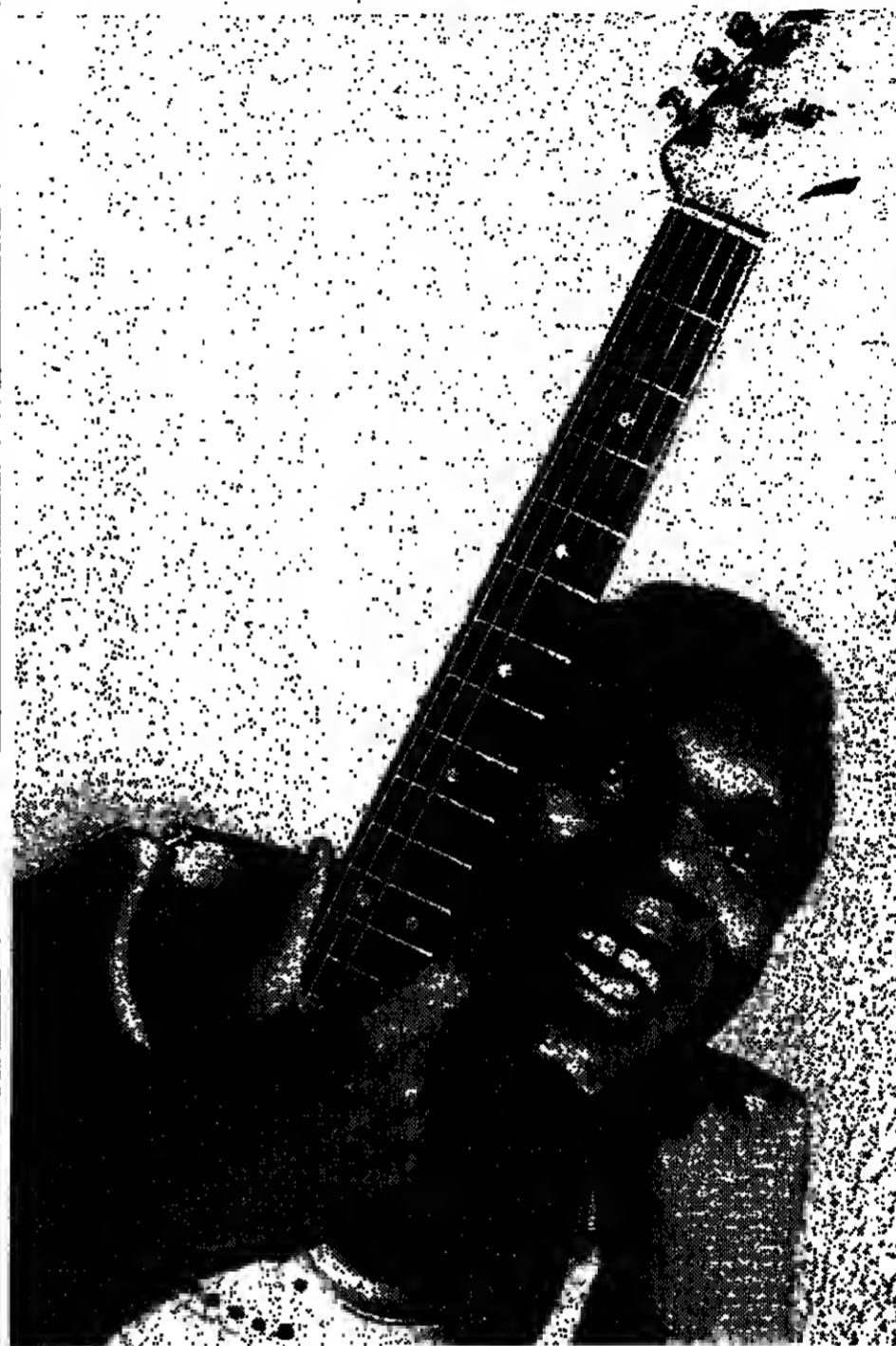
July 7-27. Ticket Office, Newcastle Central Library, Princess Square, Newcastle (081 232 4744).

LAST CHANCE

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: Ends tomorrow with tributes to Sir Peter Pears with works by Britten, Schubert and Lisztowski. Box Office, Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072-885 3543).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Concerts: Max Harrison; Films: Geoff Brown; Opera: Stephen Pettit; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: Sarah Jane Cbeckland; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

Rebirth of the electric blues



American singer Robert Cray talks about a soulful revival on the eve of his first major British concert

Robert Cray lives in Washington DC California, Alabama, Philadelphia and Germany before he reached his teens. He was living in Virginia when he started his first high school band in the mid-Sixties, using a \$69 Harmony guitar his mother had bought for him while his father was serving in Vietnam. "When I got to Virginia I heard the coolest music. There was a whole Southern soul scene on the radio - the Stax/Volt stuff, the Atlantic sound. Sam and Dave, James and Bobby Purify. Then along came Jimi Hendrix and Cream and I got swept up by all those new electric sounds." But Cray was not taken with the flamboyant spirit of the psychedelic Sixties: "I didn't have a big afro or wear a headband." While living in Washington DC again in 1969, two events changed his life. He saw the veteran blues guitarist Albert Collins at a rock festival. "That was it. I started studying blues, particularly learning all the Albert Collins material." Later, in 1976, he was to end up playing in Collins's backing band. In 1969 Cray also met a bass player called Richard Cousins. In 1972 they formed their first group and Cousins is still performing with Cray today. His outgoing presence and keen business sense has been a key factor in the realization of Cray's talent. "When we first started together, I was too scared to speak to the audience," says Cray. "Richard would introduce the songs, and I'd sing

them. I was too shy to speak to anybody." When Mick Jagger turned up backstage at one of Cray's concerts at the Hammersmith Odeon, both Cray and Cousins were overawed. "He was being so friendly and straightforward, and we just stood there like two tongue-tied schoolchildren." Cray remembers. "We should have handled that better."

His modesty and shyness are balanced by a steely resolve to keep a firm grip on his life and his career, and to learn from mistakes, both his own and the other people's. He has seen too many great blues musicians playing substandard shows because they allowed the promoter to hire mediocre pick-up backing bands; too many musicians failing to come to grips with the machinations of the record industry, and too many destructive egos at work.

Over and over again I've looked at the problems that other people have got themselves into, and thought 'I don't ever want to be stuck in a situation like that'. I've looked and watched most carefully, and tried to keep aware of what is good for my music and my business, and what is not. But what of the sorrows that are supposed to fuel the bluesman's muse? Sitting quietly and attentively in his hotel room, he does not seem a troubled man. Of his own regrets he will only say: "I miss having a stable home life. I split up with my girlfriend last April, and it's hard to keep a relationship together when you're away as much as I am. But I'm not going to change my life for one woman. I can deal with packing my bag every morning."

David Sinclair

The Glastonbury Festival takes place at Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset, with the Cure and Lloyd Cole appearing today and the Robert Cray band and Level 42 tomorrow.

ARTSDIARY

No strings attached

Yet another dropped brick from the Victoria and Albert Museum. This time it has let slip the opportunity to stage a unique and lucrative exhibition on the 250th anniversary of Stradivarius's death. Between 30 and 40 of the 600 Stradivari still extant had been pledged after London dealer and connoisseur Charles Beare trawled the market of willing owners. Musicians including Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Yo Yo Ma had indicated their willingness to take part in associated concerts, yet the V & A finally turned the project down. Our loss will be the Italians' gain: much of Beare's three-year spadework will now be incorporated into a similar festival at Cremona, the home of Stradivarius. "The V & A has missed an opportunity to stage something which would have given it great international kudos", says Beare. "I was angry, but after what's been happening there recently it's probably safer not to have such valuable instruments under its roof anyway."

Pas de film

The BBC has been playing Russian roulette with the Bolshoi Ballet, due here next month for their first tour in 12 years. After sending a documentary team to the Soviet Union, it is left with an incomplete film following the decision by Yuri Grigorovich, the ballet's omnipotent director, not to be interviewed. This may have been something, or nothing, to do with the fact that interviews had already been completed with the two great Bolshoi stars, Vladimir Vasiliev and Katrina Maximova, neither of whom have been invited to Britain. In any event, Alan Yentob, the BBC's head of music and arts, found himself on a flight to the Soviet Union, although only time will tell whether his intercessions have had an effect.

Set peace

Art and life were on a collision course the other night when the chess champion Viktor Korchnoi turned up at the Prince Edward Theatre to see Tim Rice's musical Chess. In the piece is a barely-veiled representation of Korchnoi, in the shape of Tommy Korberg.



and the temperamental master had flown all the way from Switzerland to witness this portrayal. In the event he was tickled pink: "He was very entertained and highly amused, especially about the references to the KGB", says a friend. So far so good.

Can the soprano Rita Hunter be serious as she goes about her outworn tour of Britain? In praise of her undoubted talent the concert bills are quoting the critic of the Sydney Morning Herald: "Miss Hunter has a voice like a howitzer, the shrapnel of its notes penetrating any normal auditorium she commands."

Arty parties

While the Summer Exhibition is packing 'em in at the Royal Academy, a scheme only recently fully implemented is ensuring the institutions' financial health. Private parties in the exhibition rooms are being held at night, with hosts ranging from pharmaceutical companies to the smart Ritz casino, which will add a hefty £40,000 profit to the year's takings.

Christopher Wilson

Advertisement for Richard Gere in King David. Text includes: "The shepherd boy who slew Goliath. The youth who led his generation in rebellion. The hero who inspired his people to glory." and "SHOWING JUNE 20 ODBON HAYMARKET".

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WINDSOR CASTLE June 20: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the 10th Anniversary of the Royal Victoria Order...

Dinners Lord Lloyd of Kilgeran, QC... The annual dinner of the Old Painthe Club was held last night at St Paul's School...

Service dinners The Durham Light Infantry... The annual dinner for officers of the Durham Light Infantry...

Shrivensham Club The annual dinner of the Shrivensham Club was held last night at the Royal Military College of Science...

Rossall School The Council of Rossall School has appointed Mr R.D.W. Rhodes, Headmaster of Arnold School, Blackpool, to be Headmaster of Rossall in September, 1987...

Mr Oliver Lough A service of thanksgiving for the life of Oliver Lough, Headmaster of Temple Grove from 1957 to 1985, will be held at Uckfield Parish Church...

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr David Roycroft were in audience.

KENSINGTON PALACE June 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Chelsea General Hospital for the inauguration of the Radiation Accelerator.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE June 20: The Duke of Kent, Prince of Wales, today named the new lifeboat at Cromer, Norfolk.

Receptions Order of St John... Lord Prior of St John, accompanied by Countess Cathcart, was host last night at a reception given by the Order of St John of Jerusalem at the Grosvenor House, Whitehall.

Baker & McKenzie The Partners of Baker & McKenzie were hosts at a reception held last night at the Guildhall for clients, overseas partners and other friends of the firm to mark the twenty fifth anniversary of the opening of the London office.

Garden party Butterworth & Co... The Editor and Publishers of the All England Law Reports, Butterworth & Co, were hosts at a garden party held on Thursday, on the Benches' Lawn of Lincoln's Inn, to celebrate fifty years of publication of the All England Law Reports.

Requiem Mass Squadron-Leader D.A. de S. Young-James... Requiem Mass for Squadron Leader Douglas Alexander de S. Young-James, VC, was held at St Dunstons Church, London, on Saturday, June 20, at 11.00 am.

Lady Diana Cooper A memorial service for Lady Diana Cooper will be held at noon on Thursday, July 3, at St Mary's, Paddington Green. Owing to the size of the church, applications should be made as soon as possible to The Secretary, 24 Grosvenor Gardens, London, W9. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.

Religion embracing reason

Derek Stanesby

Is it reasonable to be religious or is religious commitment an essentially irrational affair? The fashionable tendency to applaud religion as irrational, a matter of "faith" not reason has been explicitly supported by contributors to these columns.

It has been maintained that rational argument has no place in religious discourse; that religion is in a sphere beyond reason and is concerned with those mysteries beyond man's comprehension. The contrast is frequently made with science which, it is said, is associated with the intellect and in which we can have certainty, experimental verification and demonstrative proof.

The function of religion, it is claimed, is to add a spiritual dimension to life which science cannot do, and that of science is to develop a rational system of knowledge which religion cannot do.

Further, it has been maintained, science and rationality are associated with the male characteristics of drive and assertiveness, science is active and exploratory, whereas religion is associated with the feminine characteristics of intuition, passivity and receptivity, with all that is poetic and imaginative. Rationality, it is said, pours cold water on our passions and stifles the voice of the heart.

This assertion that religion is somehow beyond reason and rational argument is dangerous nonsense. It is nonsense because it involves a confused and often contradictory account of reason and rationality and it is dangerous because religion without reason leads as often as not to intolerance and ultimately to violence.

On a wider front, the fashionable cult of irrationalism, closely linked to notions of relativism, is one of the disturbing features in society today, not least because it suggests that there can be no rational discussion of beliefs with respect to objective truth or falsity.

The argument for an all-embracing irrationalism (all truth is relative) is self-defeating. The assertion that there is no truth cannot be a true assertion. It is significant that those intellectuals who are intent on debunking the rationalist tradition resort to a method of argument and presentation which is deeply

entrenched in the very tradition they disdain.

Those who emphasize the inexplicable nature of their deep religious experiences can only resort to rational methods of presenting their case. Once you start arguing you are in the rationalist tradition and only within that tradition is there hope for a world that would otherwise be bent on destroying itself.

It is clear from what has already been said that rationalism is identified with criticism and argument. Sir Karl Popper has been the most tireless and outstanding advocate of this approach.

His characterization of rationalism as an attitude of readiness to listen to criticism, arguments and to learn from experience is fruitful in the area of human endeavour, not least in politics, science and religion.

Rationality consists not in justification but in making mistakes and in the elimination of error. When politicians prohibit rational criticism and argument they ultimately resort to policies of mutual destruction; when scientists attempt only to justify their conjectures and findings they prohibit further discoveries and growth of knowledge; and when religious people attempt to protect themselves from criticism by retreating into a realm beyond reason they promote the worst kind of bigotry, intolerance and fanaticism which enslaves rather than frees and ultimately leads to violence and bloodshed.

We need not look beyond our own times for horrendous examples of religious fanaticism which by putting itself beyond criticism leads man to murder his brother in the name of the sacred.

The identification of rationality with criticism is at one and the same time a costly and a liberating admission. It cuts the ground away from under the feet of those who desire to justify their endeavours by claiming proof and certainty.

Such claims made in the name of science can never be realised. All our scientific knowledge is conjectural, tentative, provisional. Only by exposing our most cherished theories to severe criticism do we advance our scientific knowledge.

Scientific knowledge is fallible and

the recognition of its fallibility is its strength, for only he who admits the possibility of error will learn by his mistakes and hopefully edge nearer to the truth.

Would that politicians learn this lesson for only by taking the risk of losing face will they begin to solve the problems of society and gain public confidence. Religious people above all should avoid claims to infallible truth.

Put in a nutshell the argument is as follows: if rationality is identified with proof and justification then religion is irrational, but by the same token so is science. But if we characterize rationality as the attempt to expose falsehood and error by criticism, then both science and religion are rational.

The disclosure of religious or scientific insight might defuse rational analysis, but such insights, once articulated, must be subjected to critical appraisal.

It is a false dichotomy to separate man's spiritual quest from his intellectual endeavours; they are intertwined. We have been blessed with brains, without them we could know nothing of this marvellous, mysterious, puzzling and at times infuriating world; nor could we begin to apprehend the creative love of God which is at the heart of it all.

COLUCHE Scatological scourge of French orthodoxy

Coluche, the French popular comedian, was killed on June 19 when the motorcycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a lorry, at Oppio, near Grasse in the south of France. He was 41.

Possessed of a sense of humour, stercoraceous even by French standards, Coluche achieved immense popularity in France in a lifetime spent lambasting the establishment. And he was never better loved by the common man, than in his widely publicized entry into the French Presidential campaign of 1981.

He was born Michel Gerard Joseph Colucci, into an Italian immigrant family, in Paris in 1944, and began life as a cafe entertainer.

He was subsequently successful as a radio comedian, in films and on stage, where, attired in the *bleu de travail*, still worn by many a French *ouvrier*, he elevated a low humour, expressed through a blasphemous, epigrammatic and sexually explicit vocabulary, into a personal art form.

As a humourist his nature was essentially picaresque and anarchic. There was a good deal of the Svejk in him. Therefore when he entered the fray for the French Presidency he appealed to the "imbecile vote" - that of "...the lazy bums, the skinflints, the drug addicts, the alcoholics, the pedicabers, the women, the Arabs."

And what had begun as a joke - if an ex-Hollywood B-movie actor could not get a stand-up comic for the Elysee Palace? - gained a momentum which surprised political orthodoxy.

At one time Coluche's potential share of the vote was rated in double figures, causing near panic among official candidates, until he stood down, confessing that the whole thing had been a commercial gag.

Later he had appeared before the public in another guise - that of fund-raiser for the derelict and the needy. And a bourgeois France not noted for its sentimentality in such causes, found itself opening its purse to support Coluche's *Restaurants du Cœur*, launched last Christmas to provide free meals for the poor.

This in a country without a social security net like Britain's, had considerable effect on the national conscience and, at his death, seemed to have transformed the erstwhile *hôte noire* into something perilously close to becoming the saint of all parties.

MR DON POTTINGER Mr John Inglis Drever Pottinger, LVO. Don Pottinger, the artist and herald, died in Edinburgh on June 14. He had been until recently Islay Herald, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records in the Court of Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

Pottinger, who was born in 1919, trained at Edinburgh College of Art and also studied at Edinburgh University. He had a long career as a freelance artist, interrupted by war service with the Royal Artillery, where he served as a captain in North Africa, Italy and Palestine.

He practised as a portrait painter and executed a number of mural commissions, but found the best outlet for his talent as a book illustrator on heraldic and historical themes.

He illustrated Iain Moncreiffe's book, *Simple Heraldry*, first published in 1953 and still lively in its revised edition of 25 years later. And this highly successful collaboration led to a sequel in *Simple Customs*.

Both had the sub-title "cheerfully illustrated" and Pottinger's bright and simple sketches were an ideal complement to the elementary but well-founded text provided by Sir Iain Moncreiffe of the III.

Pottinger was also keenly interested in tartan and flags, and produced a useful book *Official Tartan Map* in 1976, and a volume on *The World of Flags* in 1981.

He was Falkland Pursuivant from 1953, Linlithgow Pursuivant from 1955, and Unicorn Pursuivant from 1961 to 1981, when he was appointed Islay Herald and Lyon Clerk.

He married in 1943 Agnes Fay Keeling, who survives him.

JORGE LUIS BORGES Barely three years ago on almost his last visit to England, Borges gave the inaugural address of the Jorge Luis Borges Annual Lectures in the Anglo-Argentine Society, to which he had very kindly allowed his name to be given. The lecture was founded with the object of making "a significant contribution to the understanding between the English and Spanish speaking peoples in general and between the peoples of Great Britain and of Argentina in particular."

The lecture will continue the vision of Borges, but may now also come to be regarded as a memorial in England to a man who was one of the greatest literary figures of his age, who loved Argentina, the land of his birth, and was "a veray parfi genitil knight", who loved the England of some of his ancestors.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Clayton and Miss J. Fallon The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr John Clayton and the late Mrs Barbara Clayton, of Huby, near Leeds, and Jane, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Fallon, of Briggshaw, West Yorkshire.

Mr R.O.C. Crosse and Miss S.B. Balach The engagement is announced between Oliver, only son of Mr and Mrs S.C. Crosse, of Norwich, Norfolk, England, and Felicity, daughter of Mr V.P. Baluch and the late Mrs F. Baluch, of Shelton, Connecticut, United States. The marriage will take place on Saturday, September 13, in Norwich Cathedral.

Mr B.W. Dakin and Miss K.M. O'Hara The engagement is announced between Brian William, son of the late Mr and Mrs L.W. Dakin, of Kegworth, Leicestershire, and Kathleen (Kit) Mary, daughter of the late Captain J.W. Paris and Mrs H.E. Paris, of Bellingham, Warwickshire.

Mr G.A.J. Fisher and Miss M.H.L. Franke The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Major and Mrs Bill Fisher, of Haydock Farmhouse, Radcot, Bath, and Martina, daughter of Herr and Frau Peter Franke, of Pion, Schleswig Holstein, West Germany.

Mr L.J.P. Trevelyan and Miss A.H. Thiede The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs P. Trevelyan, of Court Farm, Whaddon, Gloucester, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Dr D.L. and Dr B. Thiede, of Ingham House, Thirk, North Yorkshire.

Flight Lieutenant G.A. Wardell and Miss S.J. Phillips, WRAF The engagement is announced between Graham Andrew, son of Mr John Wardell, of Wales and Mrs Betty Wardell, of Paignton, Devon, and Suso Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Phillips, of The Village Farm House, Upton Warren, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Mr D.M. Warwick and Miss H.M. Moore The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Dr and Mrs Dennis Warwick, of Burley, in Wharfedale, Yorkshire, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robbo Moore, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr J.M. Gray and Miss C.C. Knight The engagement is announced between John Malcolm, second son of Dr and Mrs C.B. Gray, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Susan Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Knight, of Givindon, Wiltshire.

Mr G.W. Hensley and Miss G.M. Taylor The engagement is announced between Guy Macartney, only son of Mr A.M. Hensley, of Newton Park, Turvey, Bedfordshire, and Mrs John Gale, of Givindon, Northamptonshire and Georgina Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Taylor, of Stow Ice Churches, Weedon, Northamptonshire.

Mr P.R. Webber and Miss E.M.A. Barroll The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Webber, of Poole, Dorset, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Barroll, of Cavesham, Berkshire.

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Mr J.J. Alden and Miss F.D. Bateman The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Mr J.H. Alden and Mrs C.P. Alden, of Aynho, Oxfordshire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of the late Mr D.C.F. Bateman, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Mrs M. S. Richardson, of Hookwood, Surrey.

Mr W.H. Archer and Miss L.M. Manning The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Ian and Jenny Archer, of Reigate, Surrey, and Lindsay, younger daughter of Haydon and Mrs M. Manning, of Aberdeen, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr E.A.J. Argyle and Miss S.B. Andrew The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on Saturday, August 16, between Raymond Allen John, only son of Mr R.H. Argyle, of Abington, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Betina R. King, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and Susan Elizabeth, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. Andrew, of Villa Maroc, Albufeira, Portugal.

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Spraying the wasteland of Chernobyl



A helicopter (left) treating the Chernobyl nuclear power station and the area around it with a deactivating solution which helps to neutralise radioactive dust. Two white-suited technicians (above) also help in the aftermath of the April 26 disaster by checking radiation levels in a grain field near the plant. These are among the first photographs to be released of the clean-up operation. Soviet nuclear experts and workmen are striving to contain the remaining radioactive waste produced after the meltdown of one of the plant's station's four reactors. Militia units and troops are keeping a strict security check along a 60-mile perimeter.

Thatcher looks for good from tragedy

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff
Mrs Margaret Thatcher has described the events at Chernobyl as called for international co-operation to prevent similar catastrophes. Mrs Thatcher promised full co-operation in achieving the highest possible international standards of nuclear safety. Radioactive clouds recognized no frontiers, she said. However, the Prime Minister disagreed with Mr Gorbachov about reaching agreement on an early comprehensive test ban, and reiterated her view that the key areas for nuclear arms control were the Geneva talks.

Reagan has check-up

Washington (Reuter) — President Reagan smiled broadly as he left the White House for the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre yesterday for a six-monthly check-up to determine if there has been any recurrence of the colon cancer doctors removed last summer. Mr Reagan, the oldest serving US President at the age of 75, had his last post-operative check-up in January when three small intestinal polyps were found and removed. A biopsy determined the growths were non-cancerous. Doctors gave Mr Reagan a 50 per cent chance of recovering fully after they removed a malignant growth from his colon in surgery at the medical centre on July 13 last year. According to mortality tables compiled by the American Council on Life Insurance, an American male of Mr Reagan's age who is in good health can expect to live for another 9.3 years.

Spanish police hit back on hotel terror

Alicante (Reuter) — Spanish police yesterday announced a new offensive against Basque guerrilla attacks on Spain's Mediterranean coast after the explosion of 10 bombs in tourist resorts in the past three weeks. A government spokesman in Alicante said police and hoteliers had drafted a joint plan which included plain clothes police surveillance in hotel corridors, thorough inspections when a room was vacated, identity checks on guests when asking for room keys, and checks on suspicious packages. "We are asking hotel staff to keep their eyes open for suspicious behaviour and to check rooms for explosives behind furniture, plumbing or air conditioning," he said. Police are drafting reinforcements in addition to a summer plan which was put into operation when the Basque separatist organization Eta announced its sixth campaign of summer bombings to sabotage Spain's tourist industry. The tenth bomb to be planted by suspected Basque guerrillas went off on Thursday night in a hotel in the resort of Marbella. The bomb wrecked a room of the five-star Los Monteros Hotel; the room's occupants, an Italian couple, were dining out. In Bilbao, police said they had arrested six suspected guerrillas believed to have carried out several bomb attacks and two killings. The arrests led to the detention of another three suspected Eta members and the discovery of a house where arms and explosives were found. A further six youths were later detained in the neighbouring town of Mondragón and were being held for questioning. Police found another two safe-houses containing explosives and bomb timing devices. Tenth Eta bomb, page 7

Letter from Pretoria And here is the late, late news

Life for journalists in South Africa under the state of emergency declared on June 12 by President Botha has its lighter moments, and many of them occur during the daily briefings by the Bureau for Information, the Government's new Ministry of Truth. These are held at 3pm in the imposing pomp of the Union Buildings, a mellow-stoned late flowering of British imperial architecture set on a hill overlooking Pretoria, which is 45 minutes by car from Johannesburg, where most journalists work. Aply dubbed the "late, late show" by a local paper, the daily briefing supplies heavily-edited versions of "unrest-related incidents", often three or four days after the event. As journalists are barred from entering black residential areas, or any other areas where there are disturbances, and are also prohibited from reporting the conduct of the police and Army without official clearance, the Bureau has virtually total control of "unrest" news. The man who has emerged as the Government's chief censor is Mr David Steward, a smooth, English-speaking career diplomat and former journalist — always a bad sign — whom many foreign correspondents knew previously as a rather helpful source on Namibia, the field in which he specialized before coming to the Bureau. Mr Steward's chief sidekick is Leon Mellet, a brigadier in the South African police force who began life as a crime reporter. On the side, he freelanced as a photographic model for comic-strip characters in picture magazines. At one time he enjoyed a modest fame in the role of "Die Ruiters in Swart" (The Riders in Black) and was accused in the street by teenage girls asking for his autograph. One of the Bureau's first attempts at bending reality to suit its own view of the world was its request to the press that Mellet should be referred to as "mister" and not "brigadier". This reluctant brigadier cuts a less dashing figure at question times. Asked to confirm a reported statement by Mr Steward, he produced one of his more informative replies: "I can only reiterate what Mr Steward said. I don't know what he said, but if that is what he said, then I can reiterate that that is so." There was also the memorable spectacle of the brigadier trying to persuade an incredulous press corps that the severance of telephone links with a number of black townships for many hours last Sunday and Monday, the tenth anniversary of the start of the Soweto riots, was a "technical" malfunction. Another notable Melletism was his denial that something or other had been banned. "There is no ban," he explained. "It just will not take place until further notice." Since then, the more polished Mr Steward has fielded most questions, adding a new role of his own that no questions will be entertained other than those arising out of the Bureau's own reports. Any other allegations must be referred to the Bureau at least four hours before each briefing. The Bureau's ambitions extend even to controlling journalists' use of language. "Draconian" and "riot-torn" as descriptions respectively of the emergency measures and the general state of country have been ruled to be objectionable. Journalists have also been warned that they use the phrase "white-minority government" at their peril. (In a strict sense, Pretoria has a point here as the Cabinet now contains one Cape Coloured and one Indian minister, though neither has a portfolio.) Further additions to the glossary of forbidden terms are awaited. Michael Hornsby

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,078

Solution to Puzzle No 17,072 and Solution to Puzzle No 17,077. Includes crossword grids and answers.

A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday. The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Miss E B Murphy, Compton Road, London SW19; A B S Kidd, Scotland Drive, Dunfermline, Fife; K A Deacon, Roydon, Old Palace Farm, Kings Somborne, Hants.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grids with clues.

ACROSS
1 This contract sounds genuine (6).
4 Refuse to go back not having been used (5-3).
10 Arranged genuine reverse for swordsmen in play (7).
11 Skin of a peach containing chlorophyll (7).
12 Often in answer (10).
13 Best way for a copper (4).
15 Destroys the argument for returning to American surroundings (7).
17 Turoed white and old but passed (7).
19 In transformation scene, how does Cinderella make out? (7).
21 Set out to do an imitation (4,3).
23 Swimmer in close (4).
24 To be acceptable, no bid has to have an expression of hesitation (4,6).
27 Ward, the humorist, is painting birds (7).
28 Run into Eskimo who's wayward and annoying (7).
29 Urgent job for valet (8).
30 Bird making a noise like 23 ac (6).

DOWN
1 Recover the advantage over 18 holes (4,5).
2 Following Red Indian through Virginia, perhaps (7).
3 Cricketer needs more insurance (5,5).
5 Remember about prayer (7).
6 Some money, a mark (4).
7 Heart-broken uncle, Uncle Sam (7).
8 Use force to get peace, we hear (5).
9 In Capri's league (4).
14 De Dolittle could get down to business (4,6).
16 President from the sunny East (3,3-3).
18 Putting off Edward's rise, anticipating unrest (9).
20 Rattles, when rattled, rattle (7).
22 Old couple coming in our direction (7).
23 Crawled, perhaps, to quiet Slough (5).
25 Tongue ejected from the mouth (4).
26 A superlative detailed prophecy from him (4).

Today's events

Royal engagements
Duke of Edinburgh, President and Life Member, attends the Windsor Park Equestrian Club Ball, Clonon Park, Merrow, Surrey, 10pm.
New exhibitions
Derek Hedgecock, recent paintings, Municipal and Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Moo to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends July 4).
Music
Recital by Emma Kirkby (soprano) and Anthony Rooley (lute), Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, 8.
Concert by The Chiltern Choir and The Galliard Brass Ensemble, St Andrew's Church, Quicke Lane, Chorley Wood, 8.
Concert by the North Yorkshire Chorus and Symphony Orchestra, Ripon Cathedral, 7.30.
Concert by Rochester Choral Society, Rochester Cathedral, 7.30.

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements
Prince Andrew, President of the Royal Aero Club, attends the Digital Schneider Trophy Air Race, Bournemouth Airport, Isle of Wight, 10.30.
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award 30th Anniversary Tribute Project, gives the signal to start the 30th Anniversary Walk, Buckingham Palace, 2.10, and starts the "Walkathon" group of handicapped and other waterborne participants, Little Venice, W9, 3.30.
Music
Concert by the Tounston Sinfonietta, St Antony's Lewiston School, Nr. Sherborne, 8pm.
Recital by The Fleet Singers, St Botolph's Church, Helpston, Nr. Peterborough, Cambridge-shire, 8pm.
Concert by the Choir of Christ's College Cambridge, Leeds Parish Church, 8.15.
Concert by the Tring Orchestra, Fenley Centre, Tring, Herts, 8pm.
Concert dedicated to Sir Peter Pears, Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, 8pm.

Anniversaries

Births: William Ayton, poet and critic, Edinburgh, 1813; Enrico Cecconi, ballet dancer and choreographer, Rome, 1850.
TODAY
Births: George Vancouver, navigator, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1758; Giuseppe Mazzini, Genoa, 1805; Sir Henry Rider Haggard, West Bradenham Hill, Norfolk, 1856.
Deaths: Benjamin Robert Hayden, painter, committed suicide, London, 1846; C J Dennis, poet, Melbourne, 1936; Walter de La Mare, London, 1956; Judy Garland, London, 1969; Darius Milhaud, Geneva, 1974.
Pollen count
The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 35 (low). Forecast for today, higher. For today's recording call British Telecom's Weatherline: 01-246 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

In the garden

With so much to do now I find we often forget to sow seeds biennially and, indeed, if we need any more, of perennial flowers. Sow now Sweet Williams, Myosotis, Foxgloves and Canterbury Bells. Wallflowers too: the Siberian wallflowers, the yellow or orange forms of *Chionodoxa* and, indeed, if we sow this month, and seem to resist hard winters better than the ordinary wallflowers. I do suggest that you sow now some of the modern F1 hybrid panicles. These flowers, which are in full bloom now, will be put into operation when the Basque separatist organization Eta announced its sixth campaign of summer bombings to sabotage Spain's tourist industry. The tenth bomb to be planted by suspected Basque guerrillas went off on Thursday night in a hotel in the resort of Marbella. The bomb wrecked a room of the five-star Los Monteros Hotel; the room's occupants, an Italian couple, were dining out. In Bilbao, police said they had arrested six suspected guerrillas believed to have carried out several bomb attacks and two killings. The arrests led to the detention of another three suspected Eta members and the discovery of a house where arms and explosives were found. A further six youths were later detained in the neighbouring town of Mondragón and were being held for questioning. Police found another two safe-houses containing explosives and bomb timing devices. Tenth Eta bomb, page 7

Gardens open

YOMORROW Dried: Posthouse, Combe, 8m from Whitford, on B4296, North Devon, 10.30 to 5.30. Open: 2.30 to 5.30. Garden: 4 acre walled garden; trees, shrubs, pool, bog garden, cut roses, herbaceous borders, 2000 plants. Gardeners: The Crook House, Cranford, Oxon, 10.30 to 5.30. Garden: 2m W of Cranford, small walled garden, 2000 plants, roses and other plants; 2 to 6 p.m. Gardeners: Mrs. M. J. Cook, 11 to 6. Garden: 1 acre shrubs and foliage of garden, small walled garden, 2000 plants, roses and other plants; 2 to 6 p.m. Gardeners: Mrs. M. J. Cook, 11 to 6. Garden: 1 acre shrubs and foliage of garden, small walled garden, 2000 plants, roses and other plants; 2 to 6 p.m. Gardeners: Mrs. M. J. Cook, 11 to 6.

The pound

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Belgium 100	2.18
Canada 100	2.18
France 100	2.18
Germany 100	2.18
Italy 100	2.18
Japan 100	2.18
Netherlands 100	2.18
Portugal 100	2.18
Spain 100	2.18
Switzerland 100	2.18
USA 5	1.58
Yugoslavia 100	2.18

Roads

M1: Checkpoint on Harps section, between junctions 7 and 9 (M10 and Harpenden), delays expected. A74(M): Roadworks at junction 1 (A28 Rugby), M5: Major long-term works SW of Birmingham, between junctions 4 and 5 (A5 Birmingham), between junctions 4 and 5 (A5 Birmingham) and A58 (Letchworth). All access points at junction 5 are now open. A5: Roadworks at junction 10, near road, between junctions 10 and 11 (A58 Luton), E of Luton. A167: Northbound carriageway closed for construction of new roundabout S of Newton Aycliffe, Durham. A167: Roadworks between Beeston interchange and Shawford. A74(M): Roadworks on Glasgow - Carlisle road, long delays over the weekend, slow extra time for journey. A5: Single-lane traffic E of St. Albans.

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 24).

Stock	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1st	+2	+4	+3	+1	+8					
2nd	+1	+5	+2	+3	+2					
3rd	+4	+4	+3	+4	+3					
4th	+3	+5	+5	+1	+2					
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6th	+5	+4	+4	+1	+4					
7th	+5	+6	+4	+2	+1					
8th	+4	+5	+2	+1	+1					
9th	+4	+5	+3	+3	+3					
10th	+3	+5	+4	+1	+3					
11th	+3	+7	+3	+4	+4					
12th	+1	+3	+3	+2	+5					
13th	+3	+7	+3	+2	+3					
14th	+5	+5	+2	+2	+3					
15th	+5	+6	+3	+3	+2					
16th	+3	+7	+1	+1	+5					
17th	+3	+6	+1	+1	+3					
18th	+2	+5	+2	+3	+2					
19th	+4	+5	+3	+4	+4					
20th	+1	+7	+1	+2	+1					
21st	+2	+5	+4	+2	+2					
22nd	+4	+4	+3	+3	+3					
23rd	+4	+4	+2	+3	+1					
24th	+1	+6	+2	+3	+3					
25th	+5	+5	+4	+2	+5					
26th	+1	+7	+2	+2	+1					
27th	+3	+5	+1	+4	+2					
28th	+4	+5	+4	+4	+3					
29th	+3	+5	+1	+2	+2					
30th	+5	+4	+1	+2	+5					
31st	+3	+5	+1	+3	+2					
32nd	+1	+5	+1	+3	+4					
33rd	+2	+4	+4	+3	+4					
34th	+2	+4	+4	+4	+3					
35th	+4	+6	+2	+1	+1					
36th	+1	+7	+2	+3	+1					
37th	+3	+7	+4	+2	+2					
38th	+3	+7	+3	+2	+2					
39th	+1	+3	+3	+5	+4					
40th	+3	+5	+2	+1	+3					
41st	+1	+4	+3	+1	+5					
42nd	+2	+8	+3	+2	+2					
43rd	+2	+5	+3	+3	+3					
44th	+1	+6	+1	+1	+1					

Weather

A slow moving anticyclone will be centred to N of Scotland and a complex area of low pressure will persist to S of British Isles. London, SE, central S England: Cloudy, sunny periods developing; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 21 to 23C (68 to 72F). East Angles, E England: Sunny periods developing; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 21 to 23C (68 to 72F). E.W. Midlands, central N England: Sunny periods developing; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F). Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of sun; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F). N.W. Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Fine and dry; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 19 to 21C (66 to 70F). NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dumfries, Aberdeen, Perth, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy near coasts; showers inland; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 17 to 19C (63 to 66F), but cooler on coasts. Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Fine and dry; wind E moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F). Shetland: Dry, mainly cloudy; wind light and variable; max temp 12C (54F). Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Showers in the morning, mainly sun and clear weather with sunny intervals and isolated showers will follow into England and Wales. Temperatures near normal in the far north to very warm in south, but cooler near western coasts.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 9.52 pm to 4.13 am
Edinburgh 10.01 pm to 4.23 am
Belfast 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Perth 10.06 pm to 4.42 am
TOMORROW
London 9.52 pm to 4.14 am
Edinburgh 10.01 pm to 4.24 am
Belfast 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Perth 10.06 pm to 4.43 am

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High Tides

TODAY	AM	PM	HT	PM	HT	PM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.8	6.8	1.25	6.7	6.7	1.25	6.7	6.7	1.25
Aberdeen	12.57	4.0	1.16	4.2	1.16	4.3	1.16	4.3	
Avonmouth	7.03	12.6	7.34	12.8	7.34	12.8	7.34		
Belfast	10.50	3.4	1.13	3.5	1.13	3.5	1.13		
Cardiff	8.45	11.5	7.19	11.5	7.19	11.5	7.19		
Devonport	5.24	5.2	6.05	5.3	6.05	5.3	6.05		
Dover	10.53	3.1	1.15	3.2	1.15	3.2	1.15		
Falmouth	5.04	5.0	5.36	5.1	5.36	5.1	5.36		
Glasgow	12.17	4.9	12.28	4.8	12.28	4.8	12.28		
Hull	11.89	4.6	11.91	4.6	11.91	4.6	11.91		
Holyhead	10.10	5.4	10.25	5.5	10.25	5.5	10.25		
London	8.08	7.0	8.30	7.2	8.30	7.2	8.30		
Lough	12.44	4.1	12.12	4.1	12.12	4.1	12.12		
Scarborough	2.05	2.3	2.37	2.4	2.37	2.4	2.37		
Leith	11.02	5.2	11.24	5.3	11.24	5.3	11.24		
Liverpool	9.20	5.2	9.37	5.3	9.37	5.3	9.37		
Lowestoft	11.52	4.5	11.54	4.5	11.54	4.5	11.54		
Margate	11.52	4.5	11.54	4.5	11.54	4.5	11.54		
Millwall	5.58	6.1	6.25	6.1	6.25	6.1	6.25		
North Haven	5.51	6.1	6.18	6.1	6.18	6.1	6.18		
Oban	5.32	6.1	6.08	6.1	6.08	6.1	6.08		
Orkney	4.26	5.3	6.05	5.4	6.05	5.4	6.05		
Perth	6.48	11.9	7.26	12.1	7.26	12.1	7.26		
Portsmouth	11.19	4.6	11.43	4.7	11.43	4.7	11.43		
Shoreham	11.44	4.6	11.28	4.6	11.28	4.6	11.28		
Southampton	10.46	4.3	11.03	4.5	11.03	4.5	11.03		
Swansea	9.08	5.2	6.34	5.4	6.34	5.4	6.34		
Tees	11.52	5.2	11.51	5.2	11.51	5.2	11.51		
Wilton-on-Tyne	11.47	4.1	11.47	4.1	11.47	4.1	11.47		

Around Britain

Sun	Rain	Max	Min	C	F	Sun	Rain	Max	Min	C	F
East Coast	7.4	14	57	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
London	7.9	14	57	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
West Coast	10.4	20	68	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
South Coast	10.5	20	68	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
Central	10.7	17	63	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
North	12.1	16	61	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
East of Scotland	14.0	20	68	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
West of Scotland	14.5	18	63	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
North East	14.5	18	63	sunny	10.5	22	72	cloudy	10.5	22	72
North West	14.5	18	63	sunny	10						

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1353.4 (+3.4) FT-SE 100 1637.2 (+7.6) Bargains 23,574 USM (Datastream) 123.04 (+0.2) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5015 (+0.0020) W.German mark 3.3645 (+0.0068) Trade-weighted 75.7 (+0.1)

Maes sold for £28m

Grand Metropolitan last night completed the disposal of all its overseas brewing interests when it agreed to sell the Maes group in Belgium for £28.5 million to Belgian United Beverages. The brewery, acquired in 1969, had sales last year of £45 million and 600 employees.

Sir Stanley Grandmetropolitan, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, said: "The sale of our Continental brewing interests is part of the continuing policy of the group to concentrate its resources in certain main trading areas."

The divestment programme, which has raised £235 million in the last two years, has enabled the group to focus on the development of its British brewing, retailing and food operations.

Airports sale

Mr John Moore, the Transport Secretary, has appointed Cazenove and Co as lead brokers and County Securities (formerly Fielding Newson-Smith) as research brokers to advise him on the sale of the British Airports Authority.

Final offer

Emess Lighting yesterday increased its bid for Rotaflex to £54 million and declared its final Rotaflex urged shareholders to take no action.

Renold pays

The Renold engineering group reported pre-tax profits of £7.6 million in the year to March 29, up from £4.5 million, as turnover increased from £121.4 million to £129.9 million. Dividends were paid for the first time in three years, with a final payment of 1.3p made a total of 2.0p for the year.

Strike bites Bassett

A six-week strike last year substantially reduced profits at Bassett Foods, the Liqueur Allsorts and jelly babies group, in which Hillsdown Holdings holds a 6 per cent stake.

For the year to the end of March, pre-tax profits declined by almost £1 million to £1.85 million.

CGA battle

The long-running takeover battle for Country Gentlemen's Association continues. Bestwood yesterday announced its offer would be extended until July 1. It had gained acceptance of 32.9 per cent by June 19 and had retracted 12.9 per cent. However, further withdrawal notices for 2.09 per cent arrived yesterday for delivery to the rival bidder Fredericks Place.

Hampton buy

Metals Exploration and subsidiaries has 32.3 per cent of Hampton Gold Mining Areas shares after a further purchase of 9.4 per cent from MIM at 150p a share.

£640m minimum price tag on Morgan Grenfell tender

By Carol Ferguson

Morgan Grenfell Group, the blue-blooded merchant banking firm, is coming to the market by way of a tender offer. The minimum tender price of 425p capitalizes the company at £640 million and values it at a small premium to the merchant banking sector.

Morgan Grenfell has been best known recently for the aggressive tactics of its corporate finance division in some highly publicized takeover battles, including Guinness's successful acquisition of Distillers and the abortive attempt by United Biscuits to merge with Imperial Group.

However, although its corporate finance operation has a high profile and a large market share, Lord Catto, the chairman, said yesterday: "Banking is still half our business and is very important to Morgan".



Christopher Reeves: To raise a further £135m The offer will consist of 32 million new shares and will raise a minimum of £131 million for the company. None of the group's existing shareholders intend to dispose of any shares, and the biggest shareholder, Willis Faber, will be maintaining its interest at 21 per cent. Of the proceeds, £100 million will be invested in the group's securities business which is being built up aggressively ahead of big bang.

However, Mr Christopher Reeves, the chief executive, also intends to use the expanded equity base to raise additional debt of up to £135 million in the next year or two.

Pre-tax profit in the year to December 1985 was £68.9 million, 36p per share. At the minimum tender price, the historic price earnings multiple is 11.8 and the gross dividend yield 2.8 per cent.

The directors forecast that pre-tax profit for the six months ending June 30, 1986, will be not less than £48 million, and earnings per share not less than 25.4p. After the offer, pro forma net tangible assets per share will be 216p.

In 1985, 44 per cent of revenues came from banking,

21 per cent from investment management, which has £12.6 billion of funds under management, and 32 per cent from corporate finance, the fastest-growing division.

The group's most urgent priority is to build up Morgan Grenfell Securities which is being formed out of Pender & Boyle and Fincham Denny, a city broker and an adviser respectively. In equities, Morgan has had to start virtually from scratch.

So far, it has attracted 10 equity salesmen, 25 analysts to cover UK equities and six analysts to follow European stocks.

In the first five months of 1986, the corporate finance division has been involved in 43 transactions with an aggregate value of £9.1 billion.

The Morgan Grenfell prospectus will be published in The Times on Monday.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Seven crucial days for Lord Barber

The decision not to refer the Lloyds Bank bid for Standard Chartered to the Monopolies Commission yesterday hardly came as a surprise: Standard Chartered shares edged up just 2p to 809p. Whatever the merits of the offer, it would not have detained the Office of Fair Trading for long had banks not been involved and there is certainly no case for drawing a ring fence round the City.

The formal non-reference does, however, clear the way for the crucial week in this unexpectedly tough bid battle. Standard Chartered has left it to the last moment allowed under the takeover code to issue its main defence document over the weekend, leaving Lloyds as little time as possible to ponder a possible higher offer, which it must do by next weekend. The running out of the initial bid extension on Tuesday is the obvious moment for action.

Standard Chartered's chairman, Lord Barber, returned from eminent person duties, will not be able to make a profit forecast for the full year but will indicate an improvement of 15 per cent or more in trading profits for the first four months. More to the point, perhaps, he will forecast a sharp improvement on last year's 30.5p dividend, perhaps by as much as 20 per cent.

Whether that of itself demands a higher bid from Lloyds is arguable. The view of the stock market is not open to dispute. The Standard Chartered share price has started and remained well ahead of Lloyds' bid, which has not been helped by some wilting of its share price. According to Lloyds, its offer is worth 758p per share. According to Standard Chartered, which takes an understandably less rosy view of the convertible involved, it is about 250p.

Undoubtedly, the Standard Chartered share price has been buoyed up by some friendly buying, most likely from the Far East. The group's managing director, Michael McWilliam, acknowledges that he has received expressions of support from "a number of parties" but stresses that no deals have been done.

There is little doubt that Lloyds can add Standard Chartered's business — so much more attractive than it was only a few years ago — to its global ambitions if it is prepared to pay enough. The question which Lord Barber and his colleagues must be asking is whether Lloyds is anxious enough to come up with 800p or more.

So far Lloyds has shown a greater reluctance to knock Standard Chartered than vice versa — understandably, since that would reflect on its own wisdom. In the present political environment, however, nervousness in the intended victim's camp is bound to centre on its South African operations. The parent company stake in Standard Bank of South Africa has been diluted to 39 per cent and southern Africa produced just

£35.6 million of last year's £268 million pre-tax profit, considerably less than tropical Africa. It may be harder to maintain good relations in other African countries if the politics become fraught but at least the group is nothing like as vulnerable as it traditionally might have been.

SE moves in

The Stock Exchange initiative to absorb over-the-counter share trading seems to be working. A dozen licensed dealers have recently submitted applications for Stock Exchange membership.

About half these applications are a direct result of the Exchange's plans to set up a third market tier beneath the Unlisted Securities Market which would encompass more basic over-the-counter shares. The Exchange's move stemmed from the Financial Services Bill, which demands that OTC securities dealing be conducted through a Recognised Investment Exchange (RIE).

Any RIE must have proper reporting and its members must have adequate capital resources and internal procedures to protect customers. OTC dealers themselves were unable to organize this — not least because of the costs and jealousies among themselves. The Exchange's move to capture the OTC will itself not be without difficulties.

In a sense, the Exchange is cleverly using the time gap between big bang and the date that self-regulation becomes operational to build a strong position from the start. It is effectively attempting to limit access to the market to Stock Exchange members by stipulating that third market companies will require sponsorship by a member of the Exchange.

As a temporary measure this is justified. The third market is due to become operational on big bang day — October 27 — and the Securities and Investments Board will not be ready to receive its powers under the Financial Services Bill until early next year.

The SIB has already said that an RIE cannot limit its membership to persons authorized by a particular SRO. The Stock Exchange, therefore, will have eventually to allow a member of any SRO access to the third market.

There is also still a problem over liquidity in this third market. At present, it is difficult to deal in size on the OTC at advertised prices. Merely introducing these companies to a wider range of market-makers will not automatically increase dealings.

Existing market-makers, while welcoming the third market, say that they will want to see a good sponsoring broker behind the third market company before they will make a market in it. It remains to be seen whether third market companies will hold out sufficient reward to attract sponsors of high standard.

£1.5 billion order for 81 Boeings

By David Young

The GPA Group, the Shannon-based aircraft leasing subsidiary of the Guinness Peat Group, announced yesterday that it has placed an order worth \$2.3 billion (£1.53 billion) with Boeing.

The order, the fourth largest ever placed with the company, is for 81 aircraft which will compete directly with those produced by the Anglo-French Airbus consortium.

However, the French aircraft industry will benefit from the Boeing order announced yesterday in that the aircraft will be equipped with engines built in France under a partnership between SNECMA and GE of the United States.

The 81 aircraft are all derivatives of the highly successful twin-engine 737 range. Initially, 30 will be of the 400 series, which carries 150 passengers and is due to come into production in the autumn of 1988, and nine will be of the 135-seat 300 version, which first came into service six months ago with the independent Birmingham-based airline Orion.

The remaining 42 will be versions chosen by the airlines which will lease them from GPA.

The 300 series aircraft will be delivered between August next year and late 1991 and the 400 series will be delivered from October 1988 onwards.

Bank rules on preference share capital

The Bank of England will in future allow banks to count issues of redeemable preference shares as primary capital, provided they satisfy stringent conditions.

Until now, preference shares, redeemable after no less than five years have been treated as equivalent to subordinated loan capital and the two together could not stand as more than one third of a bank's capital base.

Most high street banks have recently raised new capital either in perpetual loan notes or by rights issues of ordinary shares.

Under the new ruling, contained in a notice to banks and licensed deposit-takers yesterday, banks are likely to opt for some preference share issues in future rather than ordinary shares.

AE snubs £194m bid from Turner

By Clare Dobie

Turner & Newall, the engineering company which has recovered strongly from near collapse in the past four years, yesterday launched a £194 million takeover of AE, formerly Associated Engineering. The approach was promptly rejected as "unsolicited, unwelcome and wholly inadequate".

Mr Colin Hope, the managing director of Turner & Newall who once worked at AE, said AE would be "a super fit". The combined group would be a bigger force in the world market for motor components and there would be significant tax and other savings.

Sir John Collyer, chairman of AE, said: "We do not see that the bid makes any sense."

He said AE's previous experience of a bid would help it put up a strong defence. In 1983 Guest, Keen & Neutelfelds launched a bid which was blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

Turner & Newall is offering six shares plus £6 to cash for every 10 in AE. With Turner

New trust to invest in India

By Lawrence Lever

The development of global investment in securities received a boost from a somewhat unusual quarter yesterday when Merrill Lynch Capital Markets unveiled plans for a closed-ended unit trust, investing exclusively in the Indian stock market.

The India Fund — which will be managed by the Unit Trust of India, the only unit trust in India — will be the first fund available to international investors and non-resident Indians which will invest purely in India. At present, non-resident institutions and individuals are not able to invest directly in the Indian markets.

A total of 60 million, £1 shares will be offered to the public in August, at £1.0525 a share. The issue will be fully underwritten by Merrill Lynch International & Co.

The fund has the blessing of the Indian government. Mr S Krishna Kumar, of the Indian Ministry of Finance, said yesterday that his government viewed it as a first step towards the internationalization of the sub-continent's equity market.

The government would, however, want to see how well it worked before sanctioning further moves towards opening the Indian markets to overseas investors. At present, about 4,000 companies are listed on India's 14 stock exchanges. But the new fund will only invest in between 40 and 50 companies whose shares are sufficiently actively traded.

The average price-earnings ratio for quoted Indian companies is about 15, which is lower than the average for British, US and Japanese companies.

The fund's main objective will be long-term capital growth, with annual distributions of income. Not more than 10 per cent will be invested in unlisted securities and the fund will avoid the often more speculative financial instruments and dealing practices such as options, futures or short-selling.

Mr David Rochester, the managing director of Merrill Lynch Europe, said that considerable institutional interest had been indicated in the shares, which he expected to open at a premium. The uniqueness of the Indian Fund accounted for the high level of demand, he said.

Bank of Scotland buys Hodge Welsh stake

By Cliff Feltham

Retired financier Sir Julian Hodge, founder of the Commercial Bank of Wales, is selling out to the Bank of Scotland in a deal worth £16.8 million.

The Hodge family interests and the First Chicago International Finance Corporation which jointly own just over 50 per cent have accepted an offer worth 70p a share. In the stock market the shares fell 6p to 69p reflecting some disappointment that the terms were not better.

The Bank of Scotland said it wanted the Commercial Bank of Wales to retain its identity and to leave 25 per cent of the shares in the hands of small investors who number about 4,600.

The Commercial Bank of Wales was founded by Sir Julian Hodge in 1971 to finance the regeneration of the area and has specialized in offering loans to private companies and hire purchase loans to car buyers through its Forthright Finance operation. If the deal goes through



Sir Julian selling out in £16.8 million deal Lord Tonyandy will remain as chairman of the Commercial Bank of Wales.

Last year it made profits of £1.9 million compared with earnings of more than £95 million by the Bank of Scotland. Mr Malcolm Thomas, the chief executive of the Commercial Bank of Wales, said last night: "The tie-up will enable the bank to keep its Welsh identity while at the same time having the benefit of a much stronger capital base."

GDP growth figures for first quarter surprisingly strong

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The much-vaunted pause in growth in the first quarter of the year may not have occurred at all, according to new official figures released yesterday. They show that gross domestic product rose by 0.7 per cent in the first quarter.

This, based on the average of the three measures of GDP, was faster than in the fourth quarter of last year, when it increased by 0.5 per cent.

The new figures do support the view that there has been a slowdown in the economy, but indicate that this took place in the third quarter of last year when there was a 0.3 per cent drop in GDP.

As a result of this, the first-quarter growth in the economy, compared with a year earlier, was comparatively low. GDP was 2.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1985 or, after allowing for the effects of the miners' strike on the economy last year, just 1.5 per cent higher.

The three measures of GDP moved up at different paces in the first quarter. The output

measure rose by just 0.2 per cent, in line with sluggish industrial production figures. This was a more modest rise than the originally estimated 0.4 per cent increase.

The expenditure and income measures of GDP, for which these are the first estimates, performed rather better. There was a 0.6 per cent rise in income GDP, and a very strong 1.2 per cent increase in expenditure GDP.

In theory, the three measures should come up with the same results and officials regard the output measure, which grew only slightly in the first quarter, as generally a better guide to short-term movements. However, the sluggish movement in this measure in the first quarter is something of a mystery in Whitehall.

Officials also pointed out that there have been several big shocks to the system recently, including the miners' strike and subsequent recovery, the effects on investment of the phasing out by the Chancellor of capital allow-

ances, and the sharp fall in oil prices.

Oil output rose, in fact, by 5 per cent in the first quarter. Without this and the recovery from the coal strike, the output measure of GDP would have dropped by 0.1 per cent.

The effects of lower oil prices came through more dramatically in company profits. Profits of private sector companies totalled £11.65 billion in the first quarter, 18 per cent down on a year earlier. Detailed figures will be published next week, but it appears that most of the drop was in North Sea profits.

Public corporations, in contrast, appear to be performing profit miracles. In the first quarter, profits, at £2.1 billion, were 83 per cent up on a year earlier. The comparison is misleading, however, reflecting the lower losses for the National Coal Board, now British Coal, after the end of the miners' strike.

The underlying inflation rate in the economy in the first quarter, as measured by the factor cost GDP deflator, was just above 5 per cent.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, INTEREST RATES, and CURRENCIES. Includes data for New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong, etc.

Table with columns for MAIN PRICE CHANGES, GOLD, and NORTH SEA OIL. Includes data for various stocks and commodities.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks were mixed in quiet, early trading yesterday after a brief rally fizzled out. Traders said many investors stayed on the sidelines, hoping to avoid a possible downdraft from the expiration of index futures and options...

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose eight points in the first 30 minutes, was up only 3.58 to 1,859.44 by late morning.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table showing market rates and forward rates for various currencies.

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same as 75.6 (day's range 75.6-75.7). Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Eustal. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS % table showing rates for various currencies and terms.

GOLD

Table showing gold prices and related market data.

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Table showing London financial futures prices for various instruments.

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Table showing potato futures prices.

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Table showing financial trusts and their performance.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table containing detailed information about various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.

TEMPUS

AE unlikely to remain independent this time

The City expects AE, formerly Associated Engineering, to lose its independence. While Turner & Newall's bid, launched yesterday, may not be high enough to succeed, a higher offer is widely expected to win over shareholders. AE is lucky to have got this far as an independent company. In 1983 its board, including the present chairman, Sir John Collyer, recommended a £67 million bid from GKN. The company was saved when the bid was referred to the Monopolies Commission who blocked the takeover. At the same time Mr Patrick Evershed, then of stockbrokers-Lauriston Trust, argued strongly on AE's behalf that the terms were too low. His judgement proved to be right and the company has recovered strongly since GKN's bid. Its value has risen sharply, with yesterday's part cash bid from Turner & Newall valuing it at £140 million. But even this is probably not enough to win over shareholders, who again can look to Mr Evershed, now at Laurence Keen, a fund management group, to argue their case. He speaks for more than 7 per cent of the shares in AE. News of the bid sent AE's shares rising from 182p to 230p, well above the 196p value of the offer. Analysts expect its conservatively stated profits to rise from £22.6 million to £25 million in the year to September, which means the offer values AE on a prospective earnings multiple of only 12. Mr Evershed says AE's conservative accounting understates the real value of the company. What AE might report as £25 million, another company could call £39 million. In that case the offer is on a multiple of merely eight. While Mr Evershed may be indulging in a little wishful thinking, his figures suggest that there is sufficient worth in AE to attract other bidders. Its technology is well known, not just in the motor component field. And even AE admits that a bigger force is better suited to today's international markets. It does, however, imply that size is not everything. Turner & Newall's rivals are expected to declare their hand shortly. Laird and TI

are among the long list of names thought to have an interest. In addition TRW, an American company with a turnover of \$6 billion (£4 billion) is rumoured to be interested but whether GKN would be allowed to bid is still uncertain. There is always the chance that the Monopolies Commission would want to preserve AE's research team in an independent company. But that risk looks small. Shareholders should sit tight and await developments. Rotaflex/Emess Emess Lighting's £54 million final offer for Rotaflex, which was clearly intended as a knock-out blow, had yesterday as the market seethed with reports of a white knight about to enter the fray. Buying in the market by W Greenwell, the stockbroker, caused speculation that MK Electric Group was the white knight. Rotaflex shares rose 62p to a high of 450p. The four-for-three share offer from Emess values each Rotaflex share at 448p, on Emess shares 7p higher at 336p. The cash offer has been raised to 400p. The share deal puts Rotaflex on a generous historic p/e ratio of 24.2 and a prospective one of 15.9. Rotaflex, however, does not seem to be impressed. Rotaflex objects to its prospective rating being lower than Emess's, when it says its earnings per share from 1981 to 1986 have grown at a compound 75.1 per cent against 22.8 per cent at Emess. Emess enjoys a historic rating of 23.7 and a prospective of 18.7, based on yesterday's forecast of taxable profits this year of at least £4.3 million against £3.38 million last year. Rotaflex has put up a vigorous defence, including a forecast of a rise of nearly 50 per cent in taxable profits this year. However, its ability to see off Emess must now be in doubt unless it gets a little help from its friends. Its shares were only standing at 210p before the Emess bid. A white knight would have to offer terms at least as good as Emess's, unless it could present more compelling synergy arguments. Emess has

M&S slips after profits warning

By Michael Clark

The poor start to the summer and the absence of American tourists in the capital this year are taking their toll of the leading high street retailer Marks and Spencer. Next week the company is expected to meet a number of leading City analysts to urge them not to pitch their profit forecasts for this year too high. Yesterday, it met several brokers - including Williams de Broer - and gave them the same message. Most analysts had been looking for pretax profits of more than £425 million, compared with last year's £355.8 million. Brokers such as de Zoete & Bevan had predicted £430 million and one has even pitched its estimate as high as £440 million. The shares of Marks and Spencer lost an early lead yesterday, to close 1p lighter at 201p and dealers now fear that the price will dip below 200p next week as it tries to get its message across before the annual meeting on July 3. One broker commented: "The group is now anxious to talk down wilder City estimates, following the poor start to the year." It is likely that analysts will now be looking for pretax profits of between £410 million and £415 million for the current year - to March 31, 1987 - and that this could result in a nervous time for the share price. The financial services group Abaco Investments is visiting a number of brokers over the next couple of weeks following its latest acquisition and rights issue. The shares up 17p, so far, on this account dipped 2p to 66p. Dealers say they could hit 100p soon. British & Commonwealth now owns a 21 per cent stake. Elsewhere in stores, Next jumped by 10p to 263p following a visit to the company by the influential Scottish broker Wood Mackenzie on Thursday, while bid speculation continued to surround Combined English Stores, unchanged at 240p. Emes, up to 238p and Sir Philip Harris's Harris Queensway, steady at 236p.

for Hill Samuel, 15p higher at 403p. Kleinwort Benson, 30p to 510p and Mercury International, up by a similar figure to 783p. English Trust Group firm 5p to 134p, but Brown Shipley closed all-square at 615p, after 620p. Bank of Scotland hardened 3p to 404p after making an announcement. Shares of property developer Land securities stood out with a 12p rise to a new peak of 335p yesterday. The chartists claim the shares are a buy and still have some life left in them. A merger with rival MEPC, up 5p to 348p, has been mentioned in the past and cannot be ruled out. agreed, £16.8 million bid for the Commercial Bank of Wales, the quoted vehicle of Sir Julian Hodge. Shares of CBW dipped 6p to 69p on the news. The rest of the clearing banks spent another dull day, drifting lower on lack of support. National Westminster slipped 7p to 502p, Midland Bank 5p to 527p, Barclays 3p

Posgate fails in bid to halt agency asset sales

By Alison Eadie Mr Ian Posgate, the former Lloyd's underwriter, failed yesterday in his High Court battle to block the sale of parts of Posgate & Denby, the Lloyd's agency he founded. Mr Justice Hoffman dismissed Mr Posgate's application for an injunction restraining the P&D directors from selling off parts of the company without the approval of a majority of ordinary shareholders or a majority of all shareholders in a general meeting. The judge said if a majority of shareholders were allowed to veto the transaction, there was a risk of causing "irreparable harm" to the company and its shareholders as a whole. Mr Posgate tried to block the sale because he believed the assets were being sold off too cheaply. However, the judge said that the failure of P&D to obtain errors and omissions cover precipitated a crisis. Without the cover, the syndicates managed by P&D

COMPANY NEWS

DRG: The company is to buy for \$12 million (£8.1 million) from Hercules of Delaware, the Hercules Thermforming business, of Union, Missouri, and worldwide rights to Hercules technology in that field. DRG has been the British Hercules licensee for the past seven years. FEDEX: AGRI-CULTURAL INDUSTRIES: Ninety per cent of the rights issue (£4,130,179 ordinary shares) has been taken up. A & J GELBER: Company has received an approach which may lead to an offer for the share capital. JSD COMPUTER GROUP: Hestiar is to make an agreed offer, valuing each JSD ordinary share at 168.8p each and the entire capital at £9.2 million. Terms: nine Hestiar ordinary shares for every 10 JSD ordinaries. Cash alternative: 150p for each JSD ordinary. Hestiar has irrevocably undertaken to acquire for 56.3 per cent of the capital. Hestiar is also agreed to acquire three nursing and residential homes in Norfolk and Lincolnshire for £1.95 million. WINTON HOLDINGS: Three months to 9/31/86. Turnover £20.85 million (£18.53 million). Pretax profit £4.43 million (£4.39 million). The board explains that results for a single quarter should not be taken as a guide for a full year. BROWN SHIPLEY HOLDINGS: Year to March 31, 1986. Group profit, after tax, £3.11 million (£3.42 million). Total dividend 9.5p (9.25p). Earnings per share 21.4p (24.8p). Net assets per share 32.7p (32.5p). WITCALS: Year to March 29, 1986. Dividend 2.5p (nil). Turnover £55 million (£46.3 million). Pretax profit £355,000 (£62,000 loss). Earnings per share before extraordinary items 0.7p (1.2p loss). HICKING PENTECOST: Year to March 31, 1986. Turnover £29.95 million (£31.35 million). Pretax profit £2.42 million (£3.56 million). Total dividend 3.85p (3.25p). Earnings per share 9.9p (6.8p). MITCHELL SOMERS: Year to March 29, 1986. Turnover £29.95 million (£31.35 million). Pretax profit £2.42 million (£3.56 million). Total dividend 3.85p (3.25p). Earnings per share 9.9p (6.8p). NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY: The society has



Ian Posgate: Appeal against Lloyd's verdict on Monday would have to be run off (closed down) and the substantial goodwill inherent in the business when a going concern would evaporate.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: COMPANY, OFFER, OTHER, CHANG, YTD. Lists various companies and their recent issues.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Large table with columns: FUND NAME, OFFER, OTHER, CHANG, YTD. Lists various unit-linked insurance investment funds.

FAMILY MONEY/1

Edited by Maggie Drummond

How home can be cash in hand

With house prices going through the roof there are no prizes for guessing this summer's favourite dinner party topic.

But estimating the value of your house is a peculiarly impenetrable form of greed. A house is an investment, yet it yields up its profit most grudgingly. Your home may be gaining in value, but it is hardly cash in the bank. If you move and plough your gain back into a new house the gain will be hidden. The real beneficiaries tend to be the children who inherit.

However, you can unlock some of the equity you have built up by borrowing. It is possible to take out a bigger mortgage and release some of the excess value. Finding a willing lender for remortgaging has been a problem in the past but, with today's house prices at record levels and money flooding into the home loan market, borrowers can pick and choose. The building societies, banks and assorted finance houses have been stumbling over themselves to lend their quotas of mortgage money.

The buyer's market in credit may already be on the wane. Just this week the Halifax Building Society has pulled out of the remortgage market on the basis of its latest set of house prices, which show the sort of gains that make one wonder how long it can last.

Houses gained on average 11 per cent throughout Britain in the year to May, but in the South-East the rise was 16.1 per cent — further evidence that the gap between north and south is widening. For home owners it

means that the amount of equity in their properties will be even greater and the temptation to take some capital will be that much stronger.

But they should be careful. "House prices are certainly not rock-solid, especially not in the more depressed areas of the country," says John Pegg, of the National Westminster Bank. "There's a school of thought which says values are something of a bubble which is set to burst, even in the South-East. That's why we have a margin of safety as to the amounts we are prepared to lend."

There are hundreds that are eager to lend money

National Westminster sets a limit of 80 per cent of valuation as the absolute maximum loan on a remortgage. The Abbey National Building Society is equally cautious, requiring a safety margin of at least 25 per cent, while Medens Trust, a Brown Shipley subsidiary, will lend no more than half the value of the property.

Let us say you are prepared to take the risk of a fall in prices, and you want to release some of the capital value of your house. How do you do it? What should you expect, if anything, in tax relief? What are the lowest and best rates of interest?

Applying has never been so easy. There are hundreds of lenders, most of them eager. There will certainly be valuation costs to pay. Your new tranche of credit will not necessarily come cheap. A bigger mortgage will provide you with extra capital, but no

extra tax relief. Income tax relief is granted on interest on a loan made for home purchase or improvement. That means you can get tax relief on the loan for an extension but not for the designer wallpaper.

Interest on the first £30,000 of loan qualifies. But a smaller mortgage of, say, £10,000 will attract tax relief on that portion only if a remortgage up to, say, £25,000 is undertaken. In other words, the additional £15,000 will be charged to you in full, without tax relief unless it is for home improvement.

How much you pay will vary depending on whom you ask and in some cases what you want to do with the money. Some institutions, for example, the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, will charge the same rate as on their ordinary mortgages. The Cheltenham & Gloucester insists that it is "flexible on this type of borrowing, but no more nor less than anyone else".

Others may be as flexible but they want more interest from borrowers. "We will happily lend against a property for a borrower's personal reasons," says John Bayliss, of Abbey National, "but we will charge a premium of up to 3 per cent more than our normal mortgage rate." The big clearing banks will all lend money against a house, although they prefer to call it a "personal loan secured against property".

The banks' rates vary, but they should be substantially lower than the 20 per cent or so which is the going

rate for unsecured personal loans. An applicant can expect a tough bargaining session with the branch manager, who will look closely at ability to repay and the other mechanics of mortgage application, such as income multipliers.

One factor which can influence the interest level is the purpose of the loan. Banks tend to favour the Protestant work ethic over the desire to dissipate. "A loan for a capital injection into a company would probably have a lower interest rate

Borrowing for school fees is popular

than one used for a yacht purchase," says Mr Pegg. Borrowing for school fees is popular. Claremont, Saville will lend up to 70 per cent of valuation, including existing mortgage, and the funds are provided as and when required. Until then no interest, at 2½ per cent over base, is payable. NEL Britannia has a similar scheme with a £50,000 maximum at the 1 per cent cheaper rate of 1½ per cent.

Don't forget that you are effectively gambling on the continued strength of the property market. The Halifax, has withdrawn from remortgaging. Halifax's mortgage chief Don Taylor, believes that "if house prices go into reverse some people will suffer — borrowers principally, but also lenders who have lent out too high a percentage of the property's value."

Martin Baker



A case of feeble action

SOLICITORS

"A feeble sop to consumerism" is how one solicitor described the Law Society's latest attempt at a scheme to improve the procedure for dealing with clients' complaints against their solicitors.

Until this week, your only recourse against a negligent solicitor was to find another solicitor and barrister and bring an often expensive and time-consuming court action.

But this week the Law Society announced an arbitration scheme, describing it as "a simple and inexpensive means of dealing with such of the smaller complaints of negligence by clients against solicitors".

The winner may also get a refund

Under the scheme, you will not need to go to court. Instead, on payment of a registration fee of £40 plus VAT, by both you and the solicitor against whom you are alleging negligence, an independent arbitrator will look into the complaint.

He can make an award for damages, and may also direct that if you win the case you get a refund of your registration fee.

Any proposals to improve the lot of consumers should be encouraged. But this new scheme certainly does seem to leave a lot to be desired.

The most glaring fault in the scheme, is that the solicitor, along with his indemnity insurers, have to agree to the arbitration procedure. If the solicitor does not agree, and the Law Society has no power to compel him, the aggrieved client cannot apply for arbitration.

One solicitor candidly put it this way: "Solicitors are

seared to winning and losing. I cannot see them readily agreeing to an arbitration procedure."

It is also somewhat debatable about how "inexpensive" the scheme is for the consumer. It is designed primarily for smaller less serious claims.

But if your claim is for less than £500, it is still likely to be cheaper to go to the county court, which has its own arbitration procedure where you have the opportunity to present your case orally as well as in writing.

For claims of more than £500, the new scheme with its one-off payment can be more cost-effective, but your case can be presented only in writing. This may obviously be an advantage to those of us who have no desire to be do-it-yourself advocates, but it does severely restrict the usefulness of the scheme.

A spokesman for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators commented: "The scheme is not suitable for conflicts of oral testimony. If a client alleges that a solicitor said something negligent, and the solicitor denies it, then you would still have to go to court to hear their oral evidence."

The National Consumer Council also argues that freelance independent arbitrators will not be able to provide a single system of continuity of standards, for deciding when, in fact, a solicitor is negligent.

Even the Law Society's enthusiasm for the scheme seemed somewhat muted. The

'It fills a hole in the system'

society's spokesman said: "We are not promoting this scheme as the greatest thing since sliced bread. It fills a hole in the system. We wanted to give people some other avenue of action, other than going to court."

"We think there are a relatively small number of cases that the scheme is appropriate for."

From September 1, there will be a Solicitors' Complaints Bureau, which will hopefully mean that people will go straight to the bureau to identify their complaints and be advised of the most suitable remedy for them."

Susan Fieldman

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FAMILY MONEY/2

How the City will be its own policeman

LEGISLATION

The Financial Services Bill which should become law in October, lays down a system commonly referred to as "self-regulation". The idea is that instead of having financial organizations such as insurance brokers, unit trust managers, banks and stockbrokers, controlled and monitored by government departments, it will be left to the organizations to police themselves.

As the Bill is of vital significance for all investors - indeed its origins lie in financial scandals emerging in the early part of the 1980s - it is important to understand how the new self-regulatory system will work.

The starting point is the Bill itself. This sets out a whole host of powers which the Secretary of State is to have over investment businesses. He, if you like, is at the top of the tree and appears at the head of our cartoon illustration.

Investment businesses are more or less what you would expect. They include people buying and selling investments, such as stockbrokers buying and selling shares, and those managing investments on behalf of others, such as insurance companies.

They also include those advising on investments, and people who operate collective investment schemes such as unit trust managers. All these sorts of people will come under the terms of the Bill.

The Secretary of State's powers include the power to authorize and regulate investment businesses. No organization can show it is a fit and proper body to carry out investment business, so in effect there will be a system for investors to check whether a business they are dealing with has authorization.

Other powers include the prosecution of anyone operating investment businesses without having authorization and the power to make the rules of conduct.

Conduct of business rules cover a vast spectrum of activity. The questions of cold-calling, cooling-off periods, compensation schemes to protect investors and disclosure of commissions earned on sales of life assurance policies all come within the conduct of business rules which the Bill says the Secretary of State has the power to lay down.

That said, the SIB, which is after all only a private sector body, will have the power to prosecute minor offences such as operating an investment business without authorization.

Underneath the SIB there will be a number of self-regulatory organizations or SROs as well as the SIB, which will be capable of authorizing and monitoring every different type of investment business.

There will also be a network of SROs. Hence any investment business will generally have two choices if it wants to carry on business. Either it can

of State has the power to delegate most of his powers. He will be doing so and this is where the Securities and Investment Board, the SIB, comes in.

Under the terms of the Bill the SIB is the only body to which the Secretary of State can, at first, delegate his powers, although he can subsequently delegate to other bodies instead of the SIB. The SIB will be both the rule-maker and the policeman for investment businesses.

At one point it was thought that there would be two sets of rule-makers, the Marketing of Investments Board, which would mainly regulate the way in which investments such as life assurance and unit trusts could be sold to the public, and the SIB, which would take care of everything else.

This plan has been dropped. So when you come across the term MIBOC, this stands for the Marketing of Investments Board Organizing Committee - which will merge with the SIB when the Bill becomes law.



The man in the hot seat: Sir Kenneth Birrell, who is chairman of the SIB

Not all the Secretary of State's powers can be delegated. For instance, the powers to investigate and bring prosecutions for the offence of insider dealing will, at least for the time being, not be delegated.

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When the Bill was published there were seven SROs in the pipeline although there could be either four, five or six in existence when the Bill is passed and the Secretary of State's powers delegated to the SIB.

The Stock Exchange is one possible SRO which will govern firms dealing in shares and government stocks - in other words, stockbrokers and job-

seek authorization directly from the SIB, which a few organizations will do, or it can join an SRO which has been recognized by the SIB, and this is the path that most investment businesses will follow.

Membership of an SRO will be sufficient for an investment business to carry on its business. Not any old body will be recognized by the SIB as an SRO. A recognized SRO has to have rules designed to ensure its members are fit and proper persons, rules on discipline and expulsion of its members, adequate procedures for monitoring members, investigating complaints and enforcing its rules.

It must also demonstrate that it has the resources to do all this, and have a compensation scheme to protect the public should any of its members go into liquidation or run off with clients' money.

At the moment the SIB is formulating its own rule book - which will apply to all investment businesses that choose to be authorized directly by the SIB.

As for the SROs, their rules must provide protection for the public which is at least equivalent to that laid down in the SIB's own rule book. In practice, many of the rules from the SIB will be incorporated, almost verbatim, into the SROs' own rule books.

The idea behind the SRO network is that it covers all given types of business so that any organization will have an SRO which it can join. In effect, every SRO will have its own territory, in other words, a certain type of investment activity, which it covers.

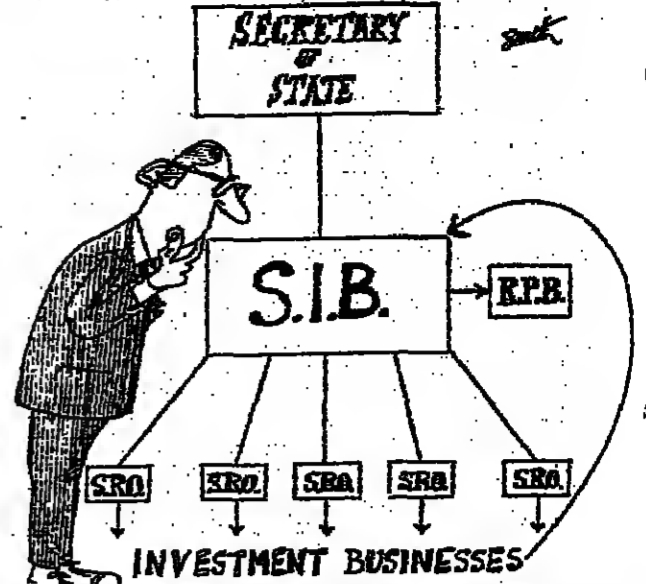
Because most firms carry out several investment activities, many organizations will have to join more than one

There could be six SROs in the end

SRO - a fact which has led to some criticism of self-regulation as likely to be too bureaucratic.

When the Bill was published there were seven SROs in the pipeline although there could be either four, five or six in existence when the Bill is passed and the Secretary of State's powers delegated to the SIB.

The Stock Exchange is one possible SRO which will govern firms dealing in shares and government stocks - in other words, stockbrokers and job-



bing firms (called market makers now). The large financial conglomerates which have been formed by banks and other institutions taking over firms of stockbrokers and jobbers will, in theory, need to be members of the Stock Exchange to get authorization.

However, it is possible that the Stock Exchange itself will merge with the ISRO - the International Securities Regulatory Organization - a putative SRO which has been formed to look after areas such as the Eurobond market and other forms of raising money from large companies or banks.

Many ISRO members are also active in buying and selling shares, particularly of the large and internationally known English companies such as ICI, so there is an

Two bodies may eventually merge

overlap with the Stock Exchange in any event. About 49 ISRO members are also members of the Stock Exchange.

Then there is IMRO - the Investment Management Regulatory Organization - which will cover people who manage money for clients, such as unit trust managers and pension fund managers.

LAUTRO stands for the Life and Unit Trust Regulatory Organization, and its members will be life insurance and unit trust companies. It will be responsible mainly for the way in which life insurance and unit trusts are advertised and marketed to the public.

So unit trust companies should be members of the IMRO for their fund management activities, that is, managing your money, and also of LAUTRO for their marketing of unit trusts.

LAUTRO will be the only SRO that does not have an authorization function. It will exist purely to regulate marketing activities. Life insurance companies - and indeed friendly societies - will be authorized by virtue of other existing statutes that apply specifically to them. Unit trust companies will get authoriza-

tion usually through membership of IMRO or direct from the SIB if they prefer. Just to complicate matters LAUTRO may in fact merge with IMRO.

FIMBRA, another SRO, stands for Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association. It will cover people such as insurance brokers, financial intermediaries, licensed dealers, as well as investment managers. It has been formed through the merger of NASDIM, the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers, with an SRO that was planned simply for intermediaries.

The AFBD, stands for the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, and will generally cover those firms which deal in futures and options contracts, in commodities and various financial instruments.

Professionals such as accountants and solicitors who often give investment advice to the public, should, following the logic of self-regulation, also require authorization, otherwise there would be a gap in the system.

However, the Bill provides that those members of the professions who give investment advice which is incidental to their main business will not need to seek authorization if their professional body is "recognized" by the SIB.

To become a Recognized Professional Body (RPB) the body will have to satisfy the SIB on a number of points. These include the requirement that the body has rules governing and limiting the investment activities of its members and that these provide protection for the public equivalent to the SIB's own rule book for direct authorization.

So it is likely that bodies such as the Law Society and the Institute of Chartered Accountants will become RPBs, thereby helping to ensure that everyone conducting investment business, even if it is peripheral to his main activities, is authorized and therefore subject to the scrutiny and discipline of an appropriate body.

Lawrence Lever

American Express to the rescue

Keeping all your information and important documents together is undoubtedly a convenience.

But the flip side of the coin is the nerve-rattling fear of misplacing them - passport, driving licence, address book and all.

There is very little that can be done about the address book, other than making a copy, but American Express has just launched a new service designed to help to deal with the flap of losing credit, cheque, and cash dispenser cards as well as the other essential paraphernalia of life.

Should they be lost or stolen, Amex cardholders can call a 24-hour emergency hotline and the company will handle the drudgery of cancelling the originals and ordering replacements.

It is, of course, essential to let the banks and credit card companies know immediately cards and cheque books are lost.

If a thief is using them the damage he can do to you is limited to just a few pounds after the telephoning has been done. Letting American Express take the strain seems as good a way as any of taking some of the sting out of applying for five or six new documents.

The service is free for the first year for holders of ordinary cards, with a charge of £5 annually after that period. Gold cardholders need only take the trouble to ring up and register the requisite information (driving licence number etc) to receive the service free indefinitely.

Another of the hassles of modern living is moving house. The new service can also be used to notify the licence centre at Swansea of a change of address, which is a legal obligation.

Next in line, says the company, are 24-hour refunds on travellers' cheques. A deal has been negotiated with 300 hotels in major holiday resorts throughout Europe.

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Gold bonus for £20,000 people

National Westminster is jumping on the gold card bandwagon. From July 1 NatWest customers earning at least £20,000 will be eligible for the bank's new Gold Plus Service, free for the first year. The main selling point of the popular gold card is the automatic overdraft facility — no more grovelling at the feet of the bank manager. And the new NatWest version offers the customer up to £10,000 with no questions asked. Gold cards these days come with a battery of useful services.

In the cast of NatWest there is Preetone Brokerline for share dealing, plus free personal accident insurance and an investment and tax advisory service. NatWest customers will have to pay £50 a year for their new gold card service on renewal.

Catch them young!

The banks have been trying to catch their customers young for some time. The theory is that if you catch them young you keep them, if not until dotage, at least until they are long enough in the tooth to decide which bank offers the best value. Students are the prima target. They are bombarded by brochures and all sorts of gimmickry and inducements to persuade them to part with the grant cheque.

The latest comes from the Midland, which actually offers £6 in cash or an alarm clock which retails at £8, cheap loans, travel card, foreign currency and Eurocheque discounts. All that, and free banking — even when they are in the red.

Lloyds Bank, meanwhile, is going even further down the age range. Savers as young as 13 are now invited to join the queues at the money dispensing machines. Cashpoint cards allowing withdrawals of £100 a day are to be distributed to children who apply. Applicants must have the signed approval of a parent or guardian.

The Skipton cut

The prospect of a further cut in the cost of home loans may have sunk



'They never told me we'd have to queue up for our pocket money'

beneath the horizon for the time being, but the announcement of a fixed rate mortgage — at 9.9 per cent held for one year — from the Skipton Building Society will be welcome news for home loan hunters. Although the deal is aimed principally at first-time buyers, the society will accept applications from other buyers.

The offer is restricted to endowment mortgages, which — if you choose the low-cost endowment home loan — still works out cheaper than the usual repayment mortgage at the going 11 per cent rate.

For example, the combined interest and assurance payments on a £30,000 low-cost endowment loan for a 30-year-old man work out at £223.23 a month under the Skipton's new fixed rate deal — and £3.60 a month of that pays for redundancy and sickness cover for two years. Repayments plus the premiums on a mortgage protection policy for the same size standard repayment mortgage are £235.01 a month at the society's usual 11 per cent rate. At the end of the first 12 months of the fixed rate mortgage the interest rate will change to whatever the going home loan rate is at the time. The Skipton has allocated £50 million of funds to the 9.9 per cent fixed home loan rate

package, which, if the success of the Lloyds Bank fixed rate mortgage introduced earlier this year is anything to go by, will be snapped up soon.

Alpha's offer

The steady drip of the Business Expansion Scheme tap continues. Alpha Business Expansion fund is launching its BES fund mark VI. The unit trust-type vehicle will remain open for subscription until close to the end of the tax year in April, or until the investment target is achieved. The minimum investment is £3,000, or there is the option of committing £5,000 in three equal instalments. Applications received before September 15 will be free of the front-end charges one associates with unit trusts. After that date subscriptions will attract a fee of 5 per cent, or 3 per cent for subscribers to one of the earlier Alpha schemes. In case you are wondering how Alpha will make any money without charging investors, managers say they may take up some of the more attractive share options on the companies in which the scheme invests.

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Cars, dud cheques and your rights

Three weeks ago we looked at the way expert villains are passing off forged building society cheques and bank drafts to swindle people out of their cars.

Although Scotland Yard reports that there has been a slowdown in activity (no thanks to the Leeds Permanent building Society or Barclays Bank, which are still doing nothing to publicize the forgeries of their drafts and cheques), the swindlers are still operating and it is worth looking at what can be done if you are an unhappy victim.

The first question that several readers have asked is: What happens if a car is sold down a chain by the original villain? One reader reported that his Jaguar Sovereign, for which he was lured with a

dud cheque for £13,500, had changed hands no fewer than three times by the time the police found it — and that within 24 hours of it being driven away!

The answer, according to Ian Travers, of London solicitors Nabarro Nathanson, is that in nearly all circumstances the original owner retains better title to the car, although to make his position even more solid he should tell the police of the theft as soon as possible.

Thus, if a car is found, the original owner can claim it back while the man at the end of the chain is out of pocket. His only recourse is to sue his vendor — provided, of course, he can find him and the money is still there for the suing.

There are a few weird and wonderful exceptions which apply to places known as "markets overt". These cover various places in England — Warren Street near Euston and the entire City of London are such locations — where good title passes to anyone who buys a car there. But contrary to popular opinion, sales through auction do not constitute an exception.

There is less good news, however, if the car cannot be traced. While most motor insurance companies no longer have an exclusion clause for theft through deception, you will search long and hard for one that will pay up without a fight.

According to Mr Travers, most insurers would point to

Eisinger v General Accident, a case heard way back in 1955. The judge ruled that Mr Eisinger, who swapped his car for a chequered flag, had not lost his car, which was insured by General Accident, but his money, which of course was not.

In Mr Travers' opinion, that case would probably still hold good today, despite the passage of the comprehensive 1968 Theft Act, and even if the cheque or banker's draft was forged rather than just a bad one. However, he pointed out that every case is different — as is the wording on every insurer's motor policy — and it would still be worthwhile for a victim to see if a claim could be made.

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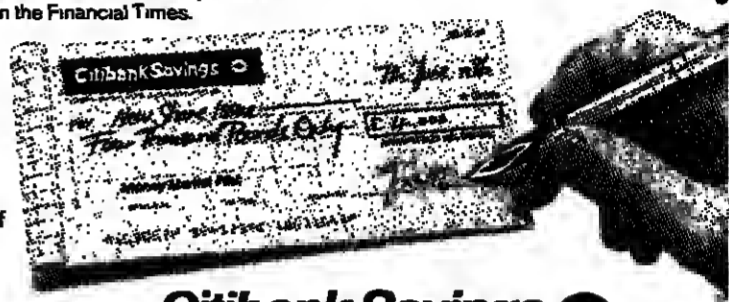
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For many people the most important aspect of investment is income. If you need an income which will grow, unit trusts can be ideal. And the table on the right illustrates M&G's successful record of providing an increasing income over the years.

The M&G Planned Income Portfolio is based on five unit trusts, and provides ten income distributions spread over the year. At 18th June 1986 the estimated gross yield on the Portfolio was 5.41%, over 37% higher than that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index. Income is paid net of basic-rate income tax.

The income from the four older trusts in the Portfolio has risen nearly three times since the Extra Yield Fund was launched in 1973. Past performance is no guarantee for the future, but the income from this Portfolio is expected to continue growing in future years. With a Bank or Building Society deposit, however, the income can vary only in line with the general level of interest rates.

In addition to generating income totalling £13,583, an investment of £10,000 in these unit trusts on 2nd January 1974 would have grown to £49,799 by 18th June 1986. In contrast a comparable Building Society deposit would still be worth only £10,000 and income from it would have totalled just £11,078 over the same period.

However, you should remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

The five funds described here are all designed to produce above average and increasing income. **DIVIDEND FUND** aims for a yield about 50% higher than that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index, from a wide range of ordinary shares. **HIGH INCOME FUND** and **EXTRA YIELD FUND** both aim for a yield about 60% higher than that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index, from portfolios of ordinary shares. **CONVERSION INCOME FUND** aims to provide a similar return, but its portfolio of ordinary shares has a strong bias towards smaller companies.

COMPARISON TABLE

Annual income from an investment of £10,000

Year	Building Society*	Four M&G unit trusts†
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1976	£ 842	£ 752
1977	£ 850	£ 875
1978	£ 779	£1,020
1979	£ 996	£1,154
1980	£1,200	£1,316
1981	£1,056	£1,338
1982	£1,003	£1,345
1983	£ 825	£1,390
1984	£ 849	£1,479
1985	£ 907	£1,678

NOTES:
1 Net of tax to a basic-rate taxpayer.
2 Based on the Building Societies Association's recommended rate of return + 1% on fully paid shares.
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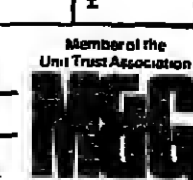
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Why gold gambles could now pay off

Specialist gold unit trusts have been notably poor performers. Not only has the gold price been against them, but most of the trusts have substantial holdings in South African gold mines (70 per cent of the world's gold is mined in South Africa), whose share prices have been dramatically influenced by the country's political problems. The financial rand, the exchange medium through which shares are purchased by overseas investors, has also slumped.

All of this has meant that most unit trust groups look on their gold funds as a bit of an embarrassment. But one investment theory holds that the time to buy is when things look at their blackest. Is there a case for taking a gamble in gold unit trusts after this week's well publicized events?

Robert Carnegie, who runs the Henderson gold fund, clearly believes there might be. "Our gold fund is rather different from the rest," he says. "We never had any shares in South African gold mines until a few days ago, when we put about 10 per cent of the fund portfolio there."

He stresses that it is a very short-term gamble. "It's a trading situation really. Last autumn there was a lot of gloom about South Africa followed by a sharp rally in the shares. Personally I think gold trusts are worth a cautious gamble on the prospect of a rise in the gold price itself, not just because of the prospect of some recovery in South African shares."

Paddy Linaker, who runs the M & G gold fund, has really put his money where his mouth is: "I am putting my pension fund contributions into our gold units."

The M & G gold fund has a 40 per cent weighting in South African shares. He reckons the gamble is a two-way bet: "If things get worse in South Africa you could see the mines shut down, which would probably result in a sharp increase in the gold price, which would benefit the other 60 per cent of the portfolio. Or the present crisis will pass, in which case you could see some recovery in the shares and the financial rand."

The peace and quiet camps

Adventure holidays should be the answer to every parent's prayers. During the endless summer holidays, the children are whisked away for a whole week to indulge in sports which feel dangerous but are really quite safe while peace reigns at home.

The theory is terrific, and not surprisingly more and more children are going away to these American-style camps for a week's holiday at a cost of around £150.

But there is growing disquiet about the standards at these camps. Anyone can set up a children's activity holiday centre without having to register or follow any code of guidelines.

Ten years ago the Consumers' Association called for a scheme to register and approve these centres but so far very little has happened.

Parents should take a good look

Environment, the DHSS and the Department of Education and Science.

So it's up to parents to take a good look at what is offered. Meanwhile the industry has taken the initiative and formed a trade association, the British Activity Holidays Association (BAHA).

This began life in February with 12 founder members, including PGL, a well established residential holidays company. Oakham, Tonbridge and Aldenham Schools, and the new-style Dolphin and Camp Beaumont Holiday camps. It now has more than 80 members.

"We want to be seen to be credible operators," says the BAHA chief executive Bill Higginson, whose wife Liz runs Young Leisure Activity Holidays.

Initially all applicants are being allowed to join, so membership is no guarantee of any basic standards. But during the next year BAHA is committed to sending inspectors out to all the camps to check on standards of safety.

Handbook of activity holidays is due

staff training and the range of activities.

If the camps are not conforming to the BAHA code of practice they will be told to tighten up or leave the association.



Fun, with exercise: Giles Lubran at an adventure holiday camp. He preferred the holiday run by his school.

The test of BAHA as a guide for parents looking for decent standards will come when a member is thrown out of the association.

At the moment it is acting as a clearing house for parents searching for particular holidays and it intends to publish a handbook of activity holidays.

Which?, the Consumers' Association magazine, looked at activity holidays earlier this year and concluded that independent inspectors were needed to monitor holiday camps.

activities you ask for?

- Are all the activities at the centre or miles away? What if it rains?
- What about safety precautions? Are the sports recognized by the governing body, for example, the British Canoe Union? Are checks made on children's swimming ability for water-based activities?
- Who will the other children be?
- What about travel and supervision - one seven-year-old was left waiting alone at Victoria station and was told he would be safe because there were plenty of porters around.
- What is included in the price? VAT? Transport? What is the food like?
- What insurance cover is there? Is it included in the basic price?

Of course, parents want maximum supervision while

'One camp was all too organized'

the children want the minimum. Giles Lubran, aged 12, from north London, started on adventure holidays when he was seven and attended a special diabetics holiday camp.

He said: "We stayed in a boarding school. It was all too organized. We had to get up at 6 am."

But things got better and last year, when he went on an adventure holiday with his school, there was more free time and activities were less regimented, but he still had to be up by 7 am.

"Being diabetic was no problem," he said. "My own teachers came along and understood. The food was nice but there was not enough to eat or drink."

"I would go on another adventure holiday if there was something I really wanted to do like rock climbing or canoeing. But I would not want to go on an organized holiday where you do a bit of everything. It's a bit boring."

The British Diabetic Association still runs special holidays for diabetic children. The

Beware - the extras can mount up

cost is £70 to £150 for a week's holiday.

Residential multi-activity holidays cost from £104 to £119 with Action Holidays £166 with Hosesons and £154 with Camp Beaumont.

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The truth about pensions

Nearly three-quarters of Britain's small businesses — firms employing fewer than 50 people — have no pension schemes for employees, according to Commercial Union. And those that do have a scheme do not seem terribly interested in it.

Half the employees questioned did not know how much pension they would get and three out of four did not know how much life cover was provided.

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The life manager Robbie Grabam points out: "Considering the efforts of insurers and intermediaries in this field together with the Government's current interest in pension legislation, we were disturbed by the general low level of awareness."

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A nursemaid for the house

HOLIDAYS

In my experience, getting away from it all always turns out to be more expensive than one has bargained for.

But at least (touch wood) I have never returned from a holiday to find that my house has been burgled or that the cats have clawed up the best carpets.

In theory, of course, the household insurance should cover either of these disasters. Yet a growing number of people are prepared to spend a bit extra in the hope of averting them altogether.

In the past five years the caretaking service provided by Universal Aunts has become increasingly popular, according to the managing director Kate Herbert-Hunting.

She says: "If someone is going away we can supply a caretaker who will take care of their home, their plants and their pets. The client would pay her return fare and a weekly fee which starts at around £56."

"This would not include domestic duties, such as cleaning the home, but if a caretaker was asked to do this we would negotiate a fee."

"The fees can vary, depending on the work involved. Some people have ponies or other outside animals. But we

would discuss it with the client and work things out on an individual basis.

"As for food, the clients usually leave a lot of things in the deep-freeze and the caretakers tend to be responsible for their own milk, bread and eggs."

"We introduce the two so that they can talk by phone. The householders can explain what they want and the caretaker can ask questions. Then the client usually likes to book the caretaker a day before they go away, so that they can explain the locks and other things."

Of course, a great many people rely on friends or neighbours to make sure their

would eat more, cost £5.25 a day) or £2.25 for a cat.

If you wanted your animals collected this can be done. The maximum charge is £6 each way and the maximum distance would be into central London or the equivalent.

The kennels also insist that all animals have up-to-date vaccination certificates and that every animal is included in the block insurance scheme at an extra £1.50 a head a week.

If I were to board my three cats there for a week the total cost, excluding any vaccination fees which might be necessary, would be £57.75.

Even if one does decide that boarding animals is the answer, it is usually necessary to

placeable is stolen. Insurance money cannot restore items of sentimental, as opposed to strictly financial, value.

Most branches of most high street banks offer a safe custody service. You take along your valuables in a sealed envelope, package or locked box and the bank will keep them in the strongroom while you are away.

The fees for this service vary. Most banks have a scale of yearly charges, although some, such as Barclays, charge by the half-year. You may have to pay the full amount even if you want to use the service for only a couple of weeks.

However, if you do a lot of business with your bank, are a valued customer and know the manager, he can usually use his discretion as to whether the charges are waived or not.

If you bank with Barclays and hold a Premier Card or keep an average balance of £500 or more in your account, the service will be free.

Normally, however, Barclays charges £1.44 a half-year for a sealed envelope, £5.75 for a small box or parcel, and £11.50 for a large box. Lloyd's charges £3 a year each for envelope and small items, £10 to £15 for small parcels, and £20 to £30 for larger boxes. National Westminster

If you are actually burgled, make sure sure nothing irreplaceable is stolen

pets are fed and/or exercised while they are away.

But if this is not possible then arrangements have to be made for the animals to be boarded out — and if you have more than one pet, this could prove to be more expensive than employing a caretaker.

At the Greenvelds Boarding Kennels near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, for instance, you would be charged £3.25 per day for a dog (Great Danes,

ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house anyway, making sure that there are no tell-tale signs that the place is empty.

After all, these days it is not enough to cancel the milk and the papers. The newspaper may stop his delivery but the free sheets keep coming relentlessly.

And as a final precaution it is worthwhile taking steps so that if the worst happens and you are burgled, nothing irre-



charges £4.60 a year for an envelope, £13.80 for a small box, and £23 for a larger one. The Midland will take up to three envelopes for £5.75 with additional items at £2.87 each; small boxes cost £11.50 a year, medium ones are £17.25, and large ones £34.50.

One woman who is thankful that she had the foresight to put her jewellery in the bank when she went abroad told me: "It was like a bad dream to come home and find I'd had a break-in. But in the end it turned out not to be too bad after all."

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The loans that can land you deeply in debt

GUARANTEES

Not long ago Mr Smith was asked to guarantee a bank loan for a friend to help finance his studies in the United States.

The bank — one of the high street giants — was reluctant to agree the loan of about £5,000 without the assurance of a guarantee from a respectable third party.

When he asked the bank what a guarantee involved, Mr Smith was told that it was really nothing more than a formality to complete the documentation of the loan, that guarantees were standard procedure and were common, and that all it needed was a signature on the bottom of a form.

If Mr Smith had any reservations, the bank said, an official would bring the form to his house and answer any questions before the guarantee was signed — which had to be done in the presence of a bank representative.

The official duly arrived with the form, but on reading the small print Mr Smith refused to sign.

His reasons for refusing are not hard to understand. Virtually all bank guarantees are drawn up on the same principles and two in particular stand out with horrifying clarity.

If you sign a guarantee you are probably committing yourself to cover an unlimited amount of debt incurred by the person you are guaranteeing, and you are doing it for an indefinite period. A standard guarantee is not limited purely to the size and duration of a particular loan.

As Mr Smith's little tale suggests, bank managers can on occasion be irresponsibly cavalier about explaining the details and implications of personal guarantees to unsuspecting customers who are completely unfamiliar with such arrangements. The only remedy is to approach guarantees with deep suspicion.

"A guarantee will normally cover all monies owing to the bank on any of the borrower's accounts. Nor is it limited to loans of a specific purpose."

'Guarantees drawn to catch all situations'

explained a solicitor responsible for drawing up such documents at the Midland Bank.

He added: "Guarantees, like many bank documents, are drawn widely to catch all situations."

If you are lucky you may be able to get your solicitor to add clauses to a guarantee document limiting the amount of money covered and put a time limit on the guarantee. However, the solicitor said: "Banks don't really like to have their forms changed or messed around."

The reason why guarantees are so loosely framed is that they are generally used to back borrowings on overdraft. Because every new increase in borrowing on an overdraft must by law be treated as a new loan, and because overdrafts are rarely used for one specific reason, banks insist on the catch-all phrasing of the guarantee.

usually make is to send the guarantor a letter about every four years reminding him that his guarantee is still outstanding and how large the debts are that it is covering.

You can terminate a guarantee only by writing to the bank, giving, in most cases, three months' notice. But even here there are snags and you could find yourself locked into the guarantee indefinitely whether you like it or not.

Trying to terminate a guarantee generally triggers a clause which says that if the borrower cannot find alternative security or repay his debt the guarantor will have to pay up for him.

In other words, the guarantor is safe only if he knows the borrower can find another guarantor of his debts, or has built up enough security of his own, or has repaid his debts.

If the borrower has none of these, the mere act of terminating your guarantee is likely to set off the borrower's default and make you directly liable for his debts.

'The last resort for security on loans'

Few bankers claim that the guarantee system is entirely satisfactory. "Guarantees are rather a dirty subject," said Mike Goddard, of the Midland. "The guarantor never really expects to have to pay up on anything, so it is always a shock when he does. It causes more rifts between friends than anything."

He added: "Guarantees are a last resort for a bank looking for security on loans. They would far rather have things like share certificates or life policies to hold as security, but sometimes these simply are not available."

"Guarantees are taken less and less frequently these days. Banks don't like them and customers don't like them."

But if you are asked to stand as guarantor for someone, what should you look out for? "You should go to see the bank manager at the same time as the person you are guaranteeing and talk the whole thing out there," said Mr Goddard.

You should check, for example, on whether anyone else is entitled to draw on the account you are guaranteeing.

"You should understand exactly what you are agreeing to," said Mr Goddard. "Take the form to your own solicitor before signing if you are not sure."

Moreover, you should keep a close eye on the debts of the borrower and not just forget about the guarantee. You are entitled to ask the bank at regular intervals about the size of the debts covered by your guarantee and you should take the opportunity to terminate it if and when you want to.

Many guarantees are given for relatively small amounts, such as by parents on students' overdrafts. But if the arrangement is allowed to run indefinitely parents may eventually find themselves liable to their children's more adult debts.

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The self-starters on £40 a week

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By the end of 1986 an estimated £209 million will have been spent by the Government.

The rules are:

- You must have been unemployed for at least 13 weeks and have been receiving unemployment or supplementary benefit during this period.
- You must be able to show that you have at least £1,000 available to invest in the business in the first 12 months - this may be in the form of a loan or overdraft facility.
- The business must not have started to operate before acceptance on to the scheme.
- The business must be completely independent and not be financially dependent on another company.

Somewhat surprisingly, there is no test of the viability of the business, and despite the claim to the contrary in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme Guide there appears to be little check on the progress of the business throughout the year. There is, however, much free advice available for entrants to the scheme. The Small Firms Service, the Scottish Development Agency and the Welsh Development Agency all provide a free business information service and low-cost counselling.

People accepted on to the scheme are automatically introduced to the Small Firms Service and are eligible for



All his own work: Mark Wilson sells lampshades he has designed and made himself

three free counselling sessions. But despite the wide availability of such advice the EAS applies no pressure to take any of it. It is entirely up to the individual to consult the relevant agencies for financial and management counselling. How do the EAS candidates make out?

Mark Able and Nick Brockett started on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme in April 1984 and set up business in Liverpool making wooden cassette racks. They used a room in their flat as a work-

shop and spent their initial investment on a variety of woodworking tools. Once the business had got under way and they had started to sell their product they borrowed more money and in the course of their year managed to supplement their allowance with the profits from their cassette racks, and, more importantly, build up a good credit reference with the bank. "It was the bank manager rather than the EAS that we had to convince of the viability of our business," says Mark.

Although life had been difficult during the first year, when their allowance ran out they decided to carry on and expand the business. At this point they rented a derelict shop and teamed up with Pete Goffin, who was just starting on the scheme after several years as a builder, and Fran Hardiman, who is now the shop manager. Pete invested some of his £1,000 in a van and the rest in the renovation of the shop. "We had to borrow more money to do up the shop and had to do all the building work ourselves," said Mark. Nick inherited some money and with this and a further loan they bought a lathe, a morticer, a belt sander and a variety of saws, and progressed from making cassette racks to tables, chairs, boxes, shelves and much more, besides, as well as selling work by local craftsmen and artists. They get their wood from a local tree surgeon at a third of the cost of timber yard prices, and most of their work is made to order. "We can't afford to make things speculatively yet," says Pete. The shop, called Sawdust Designs, has now been open for about nine months and although it is not making a huge profit it is doing enough

to meet the overheads, keep the loan repayments going and keep the four partners alive. Mark is ambivalent about the benefits of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme: "I don't think that £40 a week is enough, and we found it very difficult sometimes, but we struggled on and after a lot of hard work it's turned out quite well. It's nice being your own boss though and it's better than being on the dole."

Others have found it difficult to make a living even on the scheme. Ceri Stone joined the scheme in early 1985 and set up a photography business after leaving college. She spent her £1,000 on lights, backdrops and lenses, and also had posters and business cards printed which she distributed among various art and drama colleges and shops. Despite this and a considerable amount of word-of-mouth publicity she found business slow. "I could never be sure of getting jobs," she said. "Sometimes there would be weeks between clients and I'd sit around waiting for the phone to ring."

She also had cash flow problems - having spent her initial investment she then had to pay for films and developing services in ad-

vance, and often waited weeks for clients to pay for their portraits. This resulted in the gradual build-up of her overdraft which she has yet to pay off. There were also problems with people refusing to pay for the work, and occasionally writing nasty letters, which she understandably found depressing. Since finishing the scheme she has alternated between the dole and occasional temporary work, but has no intention of trying to develop the business at the moment.

"I can't afford to carry on without a guaranteed income of some kind," she says. "I suppose I was quite lucky - I got £1,000 from my dad and didn't have to pay rent. If I'd borrowed the money I'd be in terrible trouble now."

Mark Wilson studied design at the London College of Furniture and joined the scheme this year, making lampshades which he designed himself. He also got £1,000 from his father to invest in the business but spent very little of it initially, buying only a sewing machine and a drawing board.

His materials are cheap and he has very few overheads, so he has no problems with cash flow at the moment. The difficulty is in selling the product. He spends his time either making lampshades or taking them to shops and design centres all over London.

He has plans to show his work at various exhibitions

The main problem is marketing


later this year. Despite a slow start, he still thinks the scheme is a good idea. "It's sometimes tempting to do nothing all day but the feeling of guilt is always hanging over you and you're more or less obliged to get up and work," he says. He is less sure about continuing when the allowance runs out. "I'll probably go back to college and do a postgraduate course," he says. All the people I spoke to had at some time sought advice from the previously mentioned sources. Nevertheless, they had all experienced difficulties. The main problem was marketing their products and services. The advice had not necessarily made their position any easier. Mark Able said: "You can get advice on how to run a business anywhere, but it's all different. You've got to sort out the good from the bad yourself."

None of them had been contacted by the EAS or the Manpower Services Commission to monitor progress, although all had been visited, very briefly after three months to have their continuing eligibility for the scheme checked. Similarly, none of the people I spoke to had been asked to submit any kind of progress report or general opinion of the scheme. It seems that once you join the Enterprise Allowance Scheme you are truly on your own.

Even if you are worried about asking for advice, as many people certainly are, there will be no one on your doorstep to push or encourage you. As a press officer for the Manpower Services Commission said: "We're not in the business of checking. Our aim is to give people the opportunity to start their own business, and provide them with the support of a regular income, without which many people would never do it."

Sean Geer

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FAMILY MONEY/7



The home where it all went wrong: David and Elizabeth Holt paid £170,000 for property that will be demolished

Dream house horrors

PROPERTY

What would you do if you had just completed the purchase of your £170,000 dream home, only to find two weeks after you had handed over the money that the local council is publishing proposals which will result in your house being demolished to make way for a new bypass?

This is exactly what happened to David and Elizabeth Holt, who decided at the end of July 1985 to buy a detached house in Wroxham, Norfolk.

The Holts had to get the legal side sorted out quickly. They were able to have access to the local searches dated July 12, 1985, which had been issued to an earlier proposed purchaser.

The searches, which solicitors send out to the local council, are in a standard form. One of the questions is directed to the county council in its capacity as the highway authority. The question asks whether the council:

(a) has approved any highway proposals which would involve the acquisition of the property, or

(b) has published for the purpose of public consultation any proposals for a new road within 200 metres of the property.

The council had replied "No" to both these inquiries. The results of the rest of the search were also clear.

The Holts exchanged contracts on August 6 but the date of completion was conditional on their solicitor receiving

satisfactory results to their own local searches. The second standard set of searches was received at the beginning of September. The searches were completely clear and the replies to the road proposal questions were again "No".

Mr and Mrs Holt therefore completed their purchase on September 9. On the September 26 the local council published proposals for public consultation for the proposed routes of the Wroxham bypass. There were, in fact, seven different proposed routes. But the council's planning and transportation committee confirmed earlier this year that it preferred the

'We expected to be here for many years'

eastern route — the one that would run right through Mr and Mrs Holt's property.

Furthermore, Bernard Farrant, a spokesman for Norfolk County Council, said he has no reason to believe that the full council will not approve the committee's recommended eastern route when it meets at the end of July.

Some people may say that Mr and Mrs Holt have been extremely unlucky. If the search had been made just two weeks later, the road proposals would have been published. The reply to the question no the search would have been "Yes", and Mr and Mrs Holt say they would not have bought the property, even though the final route had still to be decided.

They are extremely distraught. Mrs Holt explained: "We bought the property to live in and improve and we have spent £30,000 doing it up. It is a beautiful house and we thought we would be here for many years. Instead the whole of the area will disappear under the tarmac."

The Holt's solicitor said: "The council should consider disclosing the possibility of a road scheme which substantially affects a property as soon as it is 'on the cards'. By sticking rigidly to the strict letter of the law they are perhaps open to criticism."

Bernard Farrant, the council spokesman disagrees: "The sellers' interests have to be looked after as well as those who are buying properties. We have a rolling programme of bypass building, and if we put a note on the searches on all the proposed routes, we would blight hundreds of properties. We have to apply the rules and answer the questions asked."

Could it be then that it is the questions on the search forms that are at fault? A Law Society spokeswoman said: "The wording of searches has given rise to problems in the past and is far from ideal. The main problem is that we work together with the local authorities association and they indicate to us what inquiries they can handle."

"We have also been pressing the local authorities to computerize, but so far the negotiations have come to pretty much nothing."

While the Law Society is

battling to change the system, the Holts are asking the council for reimbursement of £5,000 for the legal fees and removal expenses for their purchase over and above any compensation in which they may be entitled if they cannot sell the house or if it is purchased by the council.

Their solicitor explained: "The comments made by the council rather miss the point. A seller compelled to stay put as a result of a comment on a local search will be entitled to compensation. But the Holts have incurred a great deal of additional expense which they may not be able to recover unless the council agrees."

Buyers should make discreet inquiries

The council has intimated that the Holts' request will be considered, but not until September, a whole year after the purchase. Commenting on the likelihood of reimbursement the council's spokesman said: "It would be a major precedent if we were to do it."

The lesson is: Buyer beware. But purchasers of property can frequently help themselves. Discreet inquiries to the neighbours, local newspapers, or the Citizens' Advice Bureau can often reveal road and planning proposals which are still "in the air", and could stop you from making one of the most expensive mistakes of your life.

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Twenty-seven societies either did not comply or made disproportionate charges to borrowers who moved to an insurer outside their agency network. The Director General threatened to invoke his powers under the Competition Act 1980 and new arrangements were made as a result.

Now most societies offer a selection of insurers under their block policy arrangements. The fifth largest, Woolwich Equitable, is typical in having this arrangement with 22 companies, such as Legal & General, Sun Alliance, Guardian Royal Exchange, General Accident and Royal, and four more on a direct agency basis.

For most major companies the buildings insurance rate is £1.60 per £1,000 of cover but the level of excess (the initial amount of any claim you have to pay) varies. It is usual to exclude the first £500 in respect of subsidence, heave or landslip. If a borrower accepts liability for the first £50 of most other claims, the rate is reduced to £1.65 per £1,000.

The date of the increase varies with the insurance company. Legal & General increased rates on March 25, the Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group's rates rise next Tuesday, and many others follow in late September. Some societies have not increased rates yet, such as the giant Halifax which quotes £1.60 on 29 companies. This,

however, excludes the first £15 on any claim for storm and flood, freezing of water tanks, action by vandals and damage from falling trees and branches.

Increasingly societies are negotiating block policies which include accidental damage cover. The Abbey National is typical: £2 with no excess on its "budget" scheme at £1.80 with a £50 excess. In both cases the £500 subsidence excess still applies. The Nationwide offers accidental damage at an additional charge of £4 per annum. The Woolwich Equitable is £2.10 per £1,000 insured.

This partly explains the higher rates now being quoted to householders. The Bradford and Bingley offers seven companies and quoted £1.60 in April, but this was without accidental damage. It rose last month to £1.80 on the same basis and has now moved to £2.10 including wider cover. And all excesses - apart from subsidence - have been removed.

But cheaper rates are available from the small insurance companies. Municipal Mutual charges £1.35 per £1,000 of cover with a special reduction of 10p per £1,000 for local government staff. It will rise to £1.50 from the end of September but the 10p differential will remain.

Allstate quotes £1.52 per £1,000 insured with a £15 excess, which costs £5 to delete. For those aged over 50

Better rates for the non-smokers

who are non-smokers, the rate falls to £1.37 with a £15 excess. The company insures for a minimum £20,000 per property. If you are prepared to forgo the first £50 of any claim, the rate reduces to £1.33.

Zurich Insurance, charges £1.40 with a £35 excess which costs £6 to remove. It does not offer accidental damage cover.

The Automobile Association offers £1.45 per £1,000 cover through General Accident with £50 excess, which costs £6 to reduce to £15. You do not have to be a member. The minimum sum insured is £10,000.

Some building societies make no charge for allowing borrowers to switch insurance companies. They include Abbey National, Coventry, Gateway, Guardian, Scottish,

Teachers, Market Harborough, Mornington and Heart of England.

But they do make several conditions. The policy must be in the joint names of the borrower and the society and can be for the building cover only (not the popular combined house and contents policies). The policy must be approved by the society. For instance, it would object to the average clause that can be found in some policies from Lloyd's. The society requires an indemnity from the insurer, but this is normal. The house owner is responsible for settling any claims, but will usually be obliged to notify the society of those of more than £1,000.

Jan Karpinski, of the BSA, feels the power and volume of business that societies pass through the insurance companies works in favour of the borrower's claimant, who might not have as much clout on his own.

A crucial element is that any new insurance must be for the full reinstatement value and kept to this. This is not necessarily the market value as the land value is not counted in the buildings cover. The policy applies to the structure, permanent fixtures and fittings that would not be transferred in a house move, and outbuildings. Not all include garages, a greenhouse and garden sheds.

Rebuilding costs may be higher than the market value if the property is in a terrace or semi-detached, and the owner should check if anyone else has an interest under the Fire Protection (Metropolis) Act. In your calculations remember the costs of demolition, site clearance, compliance with local authority and other statutory requirements, and professional fees from solicitors, architects and engineers.

For expert advice on the sum for which you should insure your home, consult a qualified surveyor. Local lists can be supplied by both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (at 12 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AD and 3 Cadogan Gate, London SW1X 0AS, respectively).

The Building Cost Information Service of the RICS has a helpful leaflet for average costs, taking into account such factors as the regional loca-



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tion, type, size and age with 156 separate costings. It is available from the service at 85-87 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 1RB.

The service also publishes a fuller guide at £12.50. This

Under-insurance can affect a claim

should be read in conjunction with the House Rebuilding Cost Index, published by the weekly Building. The index is adjusted monthly. The index rose 4.4 per cent in the 12 months to May 1986. Of this, the labour element increased 4.8 per cent and the materials index by 3.5 per cent.

Under-insurance can seriously affect a claim. The latest annual house price index from the Halifax shows a growth from 9.7 per cent for the year to March 1986 to 10 per cent for the 12 months to April. This is the first time the price index has gone into double figures since it was first published in April 1984. Indeed, house inflation is now well over three times the level of general inflation.

With a one-in-10 chance of home owners making a claim under their buildings policy this year, no one can afford to be under-insured. The Association of British Insurers (Aldermay House, Queen Street, London, EC4N 1TT), representing more than 420 insurance companies, has a helpful exploratory leaflet.

Building societies that make a charge for moving insurance away from them are split into two groups - those that make an annual charge and others requiring a one-off payment.

Single charges are made by the Chelsea, Nationwide, Northern Rock, Portman, Woolwich Equitable, Skipton, Stroud, Leeds Permanent and Leeds and Holbeck.

Annual charges for switching insurance are made by the Halifax (£12.50 one-off including £5 contingency insurance premium or £22.50 if there is no such undertaking plus an annual charge of £3.50 either way), Nottingham, Yorkshire, Leamington Spa, Suffolk Walden, Bradford and Bingley and the Norwich and Peterborough, which are merging.

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Coal board is under a duty to consult new union of mineworkers

National Coal Board v National Union of Mineworkers and Others

Before Mr Justice Scott [Judgment given June 20]

A declaration was granted in the Chancery Division that neither the national conciliation agreement entered into between the National Coal Board (NCB) and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) in 1946 nor the scheme advanced thereby had been or was legally enforceable.

A further declaration was granted that the NCB was under a continuing statutory duty under section 46 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946 which required it to consult both with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) and with the NUM to try to conclude a conciliation agreement for the mining industry.

Mr Justice Scott further declared that the National Conciliation Tribunal (NCT), established as part of the conciliation machinery in 1946, was dissolved on May 31, 1986, by being superseded by the 1946 agreement as terminated at that date, not only for the purposes of the 1946 scheme itself but also for the purposes of the mineworkers' pension scheme.

The NCB had made out a sufficient case for the grant of injunctive relief to restrain the NUM from pursuing its references before the Tribunal. The NUM's application for an order of mandamus by Mr James Hood and Mr Domenico Richioli, individual mineworkers, was dismissed.

His Lordship so held on an application by the NCB against the NUM, which the UDM and three individual mineworkers, including Mr Raymond Jones, were added as defendants.

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, Mr Charles Falconer, QC, Mr Nicholas Underhill for the NCB; Mr Gavio Lightman, QC, Mr Michael Briggs and Miss Caroline McKee for the NUM; Mr Igor Judge, QC and Mr Collingwood Thompson for the UDM; Mr Peter Jones for Mr Raymond Jones; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, Mr Michael Briggs and Mr Jeremy McMullen, for Mr Hood and Mr Richioli.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that when the coal mines were taken into national ownership a statutory obligation was placed on the NCB (now known as British Coal) to consult with organizations appearing to them to represent substantial parts of the persons employed by the board, to enable agreement to be reached on consultative and conciliation procedures, whereunder, *inter alia*, disputes regarding the question of employment could be resolved. The establishment of the NCT was in pursuance of that duty.

Since 1946 there had been some 23 awards made by the NCT. The role was extended by certain provisions in the mineworkers pension scheme, to which all mineworkers were required to contribute.

In addition payments to the fund were to be made by the NCB, including payments to make good any deficiency. The scheme recognized the NUM as the only representative of the mineworkers. The NUM was a trade union in its own right and a federation of constituent unions.

Until the bitter divisions which arose during the miners' strike from March 1984 to March 1985, the non-NUM mineworkers and their various unions had, with one exception in 1947, been content to shelter under the NUM umbrella.

Between March and October 1985 the Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire areas broke away from the NUM and with a new union, the Colliery Trades and Allied Workers Association, consisting of former NUM members who had been expelled from the NUM for refusing to participate in the strike, the three unions combined to form the UDM on December 6, 1985 which now represented over 30,000 mineworkers.

The UDM, following a similar request made by its predecessors, the Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire areas, claimed the right to negotiate with the NCB in the same manner as it would have been if the 1946 agreement had been legally enforceable.

If the 1946 agreement was not legally enforceable, the NUM had always been free at any time to decline any longer to abide by its terms. To argue that the law would impart into such an agreement a term for termination on reasonable notice.

In short, the NCB regarded itself as having behaved in relation to the 1946 agreement in the same manner as it would have behaved if the 1946 agreement had been legally enforceable.

If the 1946 agreement was not legally enforceable, the NUM had always been free at any time to decline any longer to abide by its terms. To argue that the law would impart into such an agreement a term for termination on reasonable notice.

In the circumstances, the NUM was not entitled to require the NCB to negotiate with it in the same manner as it would have done if the 1946 agreement had been legally enforceable.

The NUM's application for an order of mandamus by Mr James Hood and Mr Domenico Richioli, individual mineworkers, was dismissed.

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request, had negotiated a wage increase, and implemented it in those areas. It took the view that the 1946 agreement, under which the NUM was entitled to exclusive recognition, had been frustrated, and the presence of the UDM.

The NUM contended that the 1946 agreement and scheme were legally enforceable and binding on the NCB. The UDM supported the NCB in contending that they must be treated as at an end.

There was a question to what extent, if any, the 1946 agreement and scheme were incorporated into individual contracts with mineworkers. All those difficulties led to the present action, in which the NCB was seeking, *inter alia*, declarations that:

(i) that the 1946 agreement and scheme were not legally enforceable or alternatively that the NUM were estopped from contending otherwise;

(ii) that the NUM were terminated by frustration not later than December 6, 1985, or by notice, expiring on May 31, 1986;

(iii) that the NRT was no longer in being and that the NUM were not entitled to deal with any of the matters which had been referred to it by the NUM.

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WORLD CUP: ENGLAND HAVE THEIR WORK CUT OUT SUBDUING ARGENTINA'S MAIN THREAT

Maradona must be kept in check

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Mexico City

One man threatens to tower over the World Cup quarter-final meeting between England and Argentina in the Azteca stadium tomorrow. Diego Armando Maradona, standing only 5ft 4in, may not appear to present too substantial a barrier to the ambitions of Bobby Robson's side, but he is a giant of the modern game.



Question time: Maradona meets the Press... and stays talking for more than an hour (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

With the extraordinary talent that is packed into his powerful frame, he more than anyone else in the tournament, has the ability to change the destiny of a match. Argentina's captain has explosive speed, delicate balance,

Tottenham's Stevens, the players best equipped for the job, to leave Maradona's side only during the interval. Yet such a negative move would disrupt the pattern of England's own system - which is based on patrolling zones rather than marking individuals - and, equally significant, their growing belief in it.

Reid dismisses any doubts about his availability, but they remain nevertheless. Ironically, an advertisement for the game features Maradona in the foreground and Wilkins in the background. Unless Reid fails to recover, the English representative will be seen only if he comes off the substitutes' bench. Robson is unlikely to make any other alterations, even though Fenwick has served his one-match suspension.

Slow, too, is Ruggeri, his ally. The Poles and the Paraguayans found out that their poor, stiff-legged defenders could not easily contain the bursts of the lively Lineker and Beardsley. The combination from Everton and Newcastle United claimed all six of England's goals in the last two ties and the pair are in no mood to stop.

Nor are the rest of the England camp. The lone member of the side who may be given no other choice is Reid. An X-ray examination of his ankle has revealed no fracture, although the ankle remains painful. Typically,

reputation for harshness, should see that does not arise on the pitch. England can only hope that he is not taken in by the typical South American theatricality of the Argentinians. Maradona, in particular, is out to avenge a 1-0 defeat in the quarter-finals of the 1978 World Cup. He is unlikely to be seen only if he comes off the substitutes' bench. Robson is unlikely to make any other alterations, even though Fenwick has served his one-match suspension.

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Memories of hiding rankle in Mexico

MONTERREY (Reuters) - Mexico are hoping to avenge a piece of traumatic football history when they face West Germany in the quarter-finals at the Universitario stadium today. When the Mexicans met the then-defending world champions for the first time in 1978, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge scored twice en route to the West Germans giving the Mexicans a 6-0 thrashing. Mexico owe however have progressed beyond the first round and beat West Germany 2-0 a year ago. Although the relevance of that victory was somewhat undermined by illness in the West German camp, the Mexicans are likely to play important roles when the heat today may decide which side reach the semi-finals.

Michel to reshape back four
With the full back, William Ayache, suspended after two bookings, Henri Michel, the French manager, will be forced to reshape his back four for the quarter-final against Brazil. Manuel Amoros is likely to move across to the right with Thierry Toussaint coming in at left back. Brazil's one doubt concerns the great Zico, who has made only fleeting appearances as a substitute in Mexico. Tele Santana, the Brazilian manager, admits he has been tempted to play Zico from the start against France but he will again spend the first hour on the bench.

World Cup fixtures

Today: Brazil v France (Jalisco stadium, Guadalajara, 7.0), BBC West Germany v Mexico (Universitario stadium, Monterrey, 1.0), ITV Tomorrow: Argentina v England (Azteca stadium, 7.0), ITV and BBC Spain v Belgium (Puebla, 11.0), ITV SEMI-FINALS: Wednesday: Brazil or France v West Germany or Mexico (Guadalajara, 7.0); Argentina or England v Spain or Belgium (Azteca, 11.0)

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Times Racing Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Italians snubbed by fans

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British crews hope for high medal count

From Jim Raitton, Ratzburg, West Germany British crews should make their presence felt in the 28th International Regatta here. The national squad and British private entries are entered in no fewer than 37 events over the weekend. Many are doubling up and will withdraw from some when they size up the strength of the opposition or the lack of it. The weather was nearly perfect yesterday. If it holds, crews will need no warm-up, and a breeze at the moment is enough to keep tempers cool.

Athletics: Coe pencilled in for Games 800 metres

Cautious Overtt tries AAA gamble
By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent Steve Overtt has put himself in a characteristically precipitous situation by withdrawing from the Kodak AAA 3,000 metre championship today, a race in which the selectors originally indicated would be the final trial for the England Commonwealth Games team. The selectors retreated from their decision in the quarter-finals and Overtt was unlikely to complete this weekend. Coe, as world record holder and author of the fastest in the Commonwealth this year, 1min 45.66sec, has already been pencilled in the team for the 800 metres, and is likely to be given until July 1 to prove his form over 1,500 metres when he runs that distance in Stockholm. The final date for Commonwealth entries is July 5.

World Boxing Council Rankings

Table listing World Boxing Council rankings for various weight classes and boxers.

World Cup fixtures

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Advertisement for Golf Monthly magazine, featuring a picture of a golfer and promotional text.

TENNIS: NO TIME FOR DREAMS AS EASTBOURNE GETS SET TO STAGE A REPEAT OF THE FINAL OF LAST YEAR

Everything is falling into place for Navratilova

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Molly van Nostrand, of New York, and Ivan Lendl, the best-known Czechoslovak in Connecticut, will be the Wimbledon singles champions...

Miss Navratilova dreams a lot, in vivid detail. In one sample, she could not get a service because of a line of trees in the tramlines...

When it comes to Navratilova trivia, all that needs to be added is that during a party at Eastbourne...

to make a fool of myself for a good cause. That lung-searching folly raised almost £400.

For the second year running, Miss Navratilova will play Helena Sukova in the singles final of the Pilkington Glass Championships at Eastbourne...

Miss Kohde-Kilsch served four double-faults in the first game, four more in the eleventh and 12 altogether. The afternoon was windy, and she had problems with her toss...



Folly stretched: Kohde-Kilsch on her way to defeat yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

player can afford to give Miss Navratilova almost two points every service game, particularly the way she was playing yesterday...

worked well, too, notably on the three occasions when she had a break point against her. "I served and volleyed very well," Miss Navratilova said.

Of more immediate relevance is the fact that in the past four years, Miss Navratilova has won at Eastbourne and Wimbledon in turn...

CRICKET: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MOVE UP WITH A CONVINCING VICTORY OVER MIDDLESEX

Better late than never for Essex

By Ivo Tennant

ILFORD: Essex (2pts) beat Sussex (1) by 69 runs. By the skin of their teeth, Essex beat Sussex and remained on top of the championship table...

Sussex rested requiring a further 349 with eight wickets intact. They lost the first of these when Parker was taken at silly point off Chiles, playing back to a ball that lifted, while Imran took nine overs to get off the mark...

Gibraltar rock bottom

General standards may have improved since restrictions on cricketers and geographical positions of that the ICC Trophy still throws up several fixtures that show a great imbalance...

Worcester fail to force win

By Peter Ball

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Middlesex (1) by 126 runs. Nottinghamshire duly acquitted the victory almost inevitably from the first day...

At Swavesey, where Warwickshire moved impressively to their second championship success in a row, Gloucestershire had been outplayed on all fronts...

Roebuck and his men hold the fort

By Alan Gibson

THIS season, passed Marks at the pavilion gates I think the word was "hold the something fort". Richards, who might have led the victorious sally, had been caught at midwicket almost as soon as he was in.

Resistance movement fails

By Peter Ball

finger-fending off Daniel in the first innings. That left Middlesex free to pursue plan B, dogged resistance, a situation tailor-made for Radley, who set about the task as only he can.

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Worcs v Yorkshire

AT WORCESTER

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Worcestershire: First Innings 287 (G. Boycott 106, D. O'Connell 54, A. M. Stanger 44, P. Carr 34)...

CRICKET

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FOOTBALL

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Impressive Amritraj serves up a winner

By Richard Eaton

Vijay Amritraj, the Indian who has taken most of the last six months out to act as a policeman in an American television series, reached his first Grand Prix final for three years when he won 6-4, 6-1 against Mark Woodford...

Amritraj's performance was remarkable, not only because he has played so little competitive tennis recently, but also because it came near the end of a week in which he has beaten three seeded players, having only come into the tournament on a wild card.

He was also able to serve his way out of trouble, almost as if, against an opponent whose double-handed backhand makes him one of the better service returners to the business...

His colleagues took their cue from the captain. At least until the match 6-3, 6-0 against Bud Schultz, of the United States, in 49 minutes, taking the second set only 19-11.

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Devil hole leaves players parched

From Mitchell Platts, Dublin

They stood on the 15th tee, aimed somewhere in the direction of the Isle of Man, and waited in hope rather than much faith for a charitable result as a wicked wind caused havoc in the Carrolls Irish Open second round at Portmarnock here yesterday.

Gales, gusting at times to more than 50mph, made matching the par of 72 as unlikely as opening a shebeen without a still. The only consolation for the players, as they wearily trooped off the links, was a welcoming glass of Paddy Old Irish whiskey...

The 15th, a devil in disguise at the best of times, and one of the finest par threes in the world, helped to sabotage one card after another.

Sandy Lyle, the Open champion, and one of the most prodigious strikers in the game, smashed a driver, then a one-iron, then another one-iron to reach the sixth green as part of his 82. Four years ago, with the wind blowing over his shoulders, he reached this 603-yard monster with a driver and a six-iron!

EQUESTRIANISM

Lewis is laughing

By Jenny MacArthur

Annette Lewis, aged 21, made an impressive start to the three-day Dubai Cup meeting at Hickstead yesterday when she and the Dutch-bred Tutein won the opening Dubai Metropolitan Hotel Stakes from a high-class field of 66. Not even David Broome, who started showjumping before Miss Lewis was born, could catch her time in the jump-off. He finished third on Queensway Royale...

Miss Lewis's victory gave her and her sponsor, Owners Abroad Group, plenty to smile about. It was her biggest win to date - £2,500 - and it netted her sponsors a further £1,200 from a bet they had placed on Tutein at 25-1. The victory also gave Miss Lewis reassurance that the 12-year-old gelding is back on form after his long lay-off...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Continued from facing page SATURDAY BBC1 WALES 5.15-6.20pm Sports News Wales, 12.55-1.00pm Sports News Wales and Sport, 5.20pm Scottish news and Sport, 10.00pm Northern Ireland News Headlines, 10.30pm Northern Ireland News Headlines, 10.55pm Northern Ireland News Headlines, 11.00pm Northern Ireland News Headlines...

YESTERDAY'S OTHER CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Glamorgan v Warwickshire AT SWANSEA. Glamorgan (2pts) beat Warwickshire (3) by 110 runs. Glamorgan: First Innings 301 (G. Thomas 110, O. W. Humphreys 55, J. G. Thomas 4 for 89)...

Worcs v Yorkshire

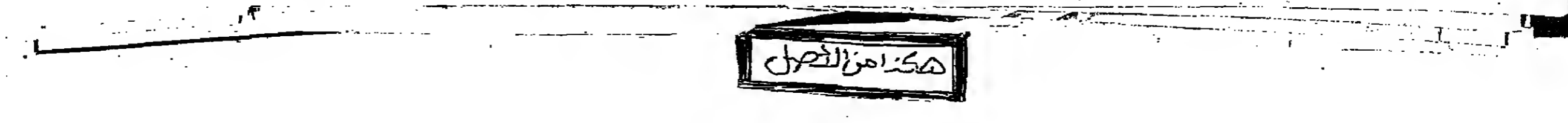
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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.45 Open University. Unit 25.
6.50 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Mark Cuny and Cheryl Baker.
10.55 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is: 11.00, 2.35 and 3.05.
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TV-AM

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain introduced by Mike Morris and Richard Lee. News at 7.08 and 8.22; regional report 7.08; sport at 7.10.
7.30 The Wide Awake Club includes animal expert Jimmy McKay with advice on chipmunks and dwarf hamsters.



Real-life mother and daughter, Dorothy Tulin and Amanda Waring as mother and daughter in The Demon Love (TV, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University. Unit 1.55.
2.00 Film: I Live in Grosvenor Square (1945) starring Anna Neagle, Rex Harrison and Dean Jagger. Romantic drama about a young woman who is torn between the love of two men. Directed by Herbert Wilcox.
3.50 Laramie. Live. Ares guest stars in this episode. He plays the role of a doctor with a past who is forced into operating on the badly wounded son of a powerful rancher. (r)
4.40 News.
6.20 Horizon: The Goddess of the Earth. A repeat of last Monday's programme which examined the controversial theory of Dr James Lovelock that life itself manipulates the planet.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 Eco. This week's edition of the environmental magazine series examines how waste is wasted.
1.25 Birds of Britain: The Secret Rescues. A portrait of the rich variety of birds to be found in a redwood. (r)
1.55 Film: The Great Victor Herbert (1939) starring Allan Jones and Mary Martin. A musical tribute to the Irish-born Broadway composer. Directed by Andrew Stone.
3.40 Film: Whistling in the Dark (1941) starring Red Skelton and Conrad Veidt. Comedy about a radio critic who is kidnapped by a gang of clairvoyants who want him to devise the perfect murder. Directed by S. Sylvester.
5.05 Bookside. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. People to People's Under the Health Service is accused of being a thinly disguised socialist party.
6.30 News summary and weather followed by The Sons of Abraham. Part 1: the story of the Shillies.
7.30 Flight of the Wind Horse. Two giant high altitude balloons fly over Kailash and the foothills of the Himalayas towards the summit of Everest.
8.30 Pottery Ladies. This fourth and final part of the series features the work of Susie Cooper. (r) (Oracle)
9.00 The Scarlet Letter. The penultimate episode of the dramatized version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1850 novel.
9.10 News.
9.50 Cricket: Second Test. Highlights of the third day's play.
10.20 Film: Thunderbolt and Lightning (1974) starring Robert Redford and Jeff Bridges. Thriller, set in Montana, about a bank robber who is befriended by a young driver. The film makes a point of the disappearance of a woman by Thomas Tallis followed by Mendelssohn's Scherzo, Nocturne and Wedding March.
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11.00 Film: Billy Budd (1962) starring Peter Ustinov. Ustinov's version of Herman Melville's classic tale of a young, 18th century seaman whose innate goodness and seamanship earns him the respect of his superiors. Directed by Peter Ustinov.
11.15 Weather.

BBC 1

- 6.50 Open University. Unit 2.50.
6.55 Film School, presented by Ian Lauchlin, Chloe Ashcroft and Jane Hardy. (r) 9.15 Asian Magazine. Raymond Head discusses with Mona Khanna the intricacies of Indian art and architecture on the West.
9.45 Sunday Worship from St Lawrence Jewry, celebrating the 40th anniversary of Menap 1940. The Great Palace: The Story of Parliament. The first of eight programmes looking behind the scenes at Westminster. (Coefax) 11.20 Micro Film. (r)
Highlights from the recent Micro Live series 11.45 The Learning Machine. Computers in education. (r)
Family History. Gordon Honeycombe concludes his series on tracing his family tree.
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1.00 News headlines 1.05 Bonanza. Joe, on the trail of a missing, key witness in a trial, finds indications of his own. (r) 1.55 Cartoon 2.00 EastEnders (r) (Coefax)
3.00 The Circus World. From the Big Top, Torbay, the gold medal competitions in the SuperGroup/Specialty, High Wire and Juggling disciplines.
4.00 Film: Pandora and the Flying Dutchman (1951) starring James Mason and Ava Gardner. Drama, based on a 16th century Dutch legend, about a sea captain sentenced to roam the seas unless he can find, during his cruise in search of his sister who has been captured by a band of Red Indians. Directed by Earl Cella.
6.00 Home on Sunday. The first of a new series, and Cliff Richard is at the Palace, Canterbury, to talk to the Most Rev Robert Runcie. (Coefax)
6.35 News with Jan Leeming. Weather.
6.45 World Cup Grandstand. Live from the stadium at Stadium, Mexico City, the quarterfinal match between England and Argentina.
9.00 Mestemind. The last semi-final and the specialist and the plays of Schiller; the life and reign of King Sargon; English composers, 1900-1950; and the Savoy opera of Gilbert and Sullivan.
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TV-AM

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8.30 Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday.
ITV/LONDON
9.25 Wake Up London with the Vicious Boys. 9.35 Woody and Friends. Cartoon. 9.45 Roger Rabbit. Cartoon.
10.00 Morning Worship from the Parish Church of St Andrew's, Chippenham, Wiltshire 11.00 Live. British Wildlife talks to Vic Kirkpatrick, a leading figure in the Disability Movement 11.30 Live and Learn. Donny D'Rourke joins the group of catering trainees at a residential centre in Renfrewshire.
12.00 Jobwatch from Hamburg to see how the Germans train their job assistants 12.30 Talk 30: Deadline. The story of the some 10,000 babies who were left behind for various reasons when their mothers became GI brides.
1.00 Police 3. 1.15 The Smurfs. Cartoon (r) 1.30 Sell Wonders. American comedy series about a household that boasts a robot.
2.00 Revelations. Eric Robson talks to Janet Brown about the time she discovered an enormous hidden strength that transformed her life.
2.30 News.
4.00 World Cup 86 Sport Special introduced by Brian Moore. A preview of tonight's remaining World Cup quarterfinal matches; and Boxing: Barry McGuigan's preparations as he trains for his World Featherweight title defence, the bout to be shown live on BBC early on Tuesday morning.
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John Mills and Donald Sinden in Above Us the Wives, the story of the attack on the battleship Tirpitz (Channel 4, 10.15pm)

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- 1.10 Irish Angles - Patterns. The skill of Ken Thompson, a stone carver.
1.35 The Making of Britain. How Britain's empire expanded in the 18th century.
2.00 Kids' Kafe. Children prepare nutritious food.
2.30 Film: Music for Millions* (1944) starring Margaret Truman and Jane Alyson. Sentimental musical about a young woman who is looking after her sister, a singer in a jazz band. Directed by Henry Koster.
4.45 Durrell in Russia. Gerald and Lee Durrell, continuing their Russian wildlife safari, visit the Berezina Reserve in the Byelorussian Republic. (Oracle)
5.15 News summary and weather followed by The 400 Blows. A man having problems picking an apple from a tree.
6.00 The Apple. An animated film about a man having problems picking an apple from a tree.
6.15 Maida and Madama. An intelligent documentary about the relationship between South African white mothers and the black maids who look after their children and the household.
7.15 Spirit of Whistly. Tom Vernon is the guide on a tour of the North Yorkshire fishing town. (r)
8.15 People to People in the National Interest. What is happening to the British way of life? And what is the 'national interest'?
8.15 Country Meets: The Watercourse Girl. By A.E. Coppard. Susan Fleetwood and Gareth Thomas star in this drama about a young woman who meets a painfully shy man who drops all his inhibitions when performing amateur dramatics. Directed by Jonathan Demme.
9.30 Grand Prix. Highlights of the Detroit Grand Prix.
10.10 Film: Bedlam (1974) starring Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek. Chilling drama about a young man who cold-bloodedly murders his girlfriend's father. The two of them head for Montana, leaving a trail of other bodies behind them. Directed by Terrence Malick.
11.40 International Show: Jumping. The Dubai Cup from Hickstead. Ends at 12.20.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.3kHz/286m; 108.8kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/433m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF 90.2-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m; VHF 82-95; LBC: 152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF: 648kHz/463m.

Radio 4

- On long wave. VHF variations at end.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Preview. Music introduced by Michael Ford (s).
6.30 News; Farming; 6.40 Prayer; (s) 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm meets Brian families who are trying to become part of the French agricultural community.
7.45 In Perspective. Religious affairs in England and Wales.
7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.45 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. A Guide to holidays, with Simon Bates.
9.50 News Stand. John Sweeney reviews the weekly magazines.
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England surrender to demon

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

HEADINGLEY: India, with five second innings wickets in hand, lead England by 240 runs.

Seventeen wickets fell for 209 runs in the second Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, yesterday, 10 of them English, and seven Indian. Even by Headingley standards, that was a bit much.

As it so often does here the ball moved all over the place, as much, I think, because of the overcast weather as for any serious irregularities in the pitch. Batmen, even the very best of them, have always been hard-pressed to play balls that pitch on or near the middle and miss the off.

Binny was turned into a demon, despite his gentle pace. He had never previously taken more than three wickets in a Test innings. Now, for a song, he took five.

That said, England's batsmen would have to admit that they played between them some very poor strokes. None was wilder than Gatting's, and he knew it. Binny had just come on, and Gatting, having crashed his first two balls into the covers, was out in head-long pursuit of the third.

Lamb's dismissal, immediately after lunch, did nothing to suggest that England were fighting for their lives. Slack lasted two balls, Gooch 22, Smith 18, Gatting 22, and Lamb 21. Needing a mere 73 to avoid the follow-on, England lost their eighth wicket at 71.

To give them their due, the Indians - Kapil Dev and Madan Lal, as well as Binny - harnessed the conditions splendidly. I am ashamed to have written before the series began that runs would seldom have been cheaper for English batsmen than against this Indian attack.

Yesterday, as at Lord's, this was far from being so. However, by taking five wickets when India went in again last night, England are still just in the present match should the skies clear - and that is something. With three important wickets, Lever just

tified his selection, as he had never quite done on the first day, when, to his surprise, he was affected by nerves. But as if India were not already finding batting hard enough, the crowd started during this final session to behave as they have seen others doing in Mexico, and performing what

by when the new one had been taken, to the midwicket boundary. Lever's two overs cost 16 runs, enough for him to be taken off. Although at No.10 for this Indian side, More has a first-class hundred to his credit, for Baroda in the Ranji Trophy. He looked yesterday as though he might well have scored another had Madan Lal not been caught at second slip after adding 64 for the ninth wicket with More and Maninder not then been out in the most improbable way.

He edged Dillee and Gooch, moving to his left at second slip, attempted a catch. Rather than holding the ball he knocked it on towards wicket-keeper French, who threw himself at it but could do no more than keep it airborne. Getting a glove underneath the ball French scooped it back towards Gooch, who then flicked it up with his foot, so giving himself an easy catch.

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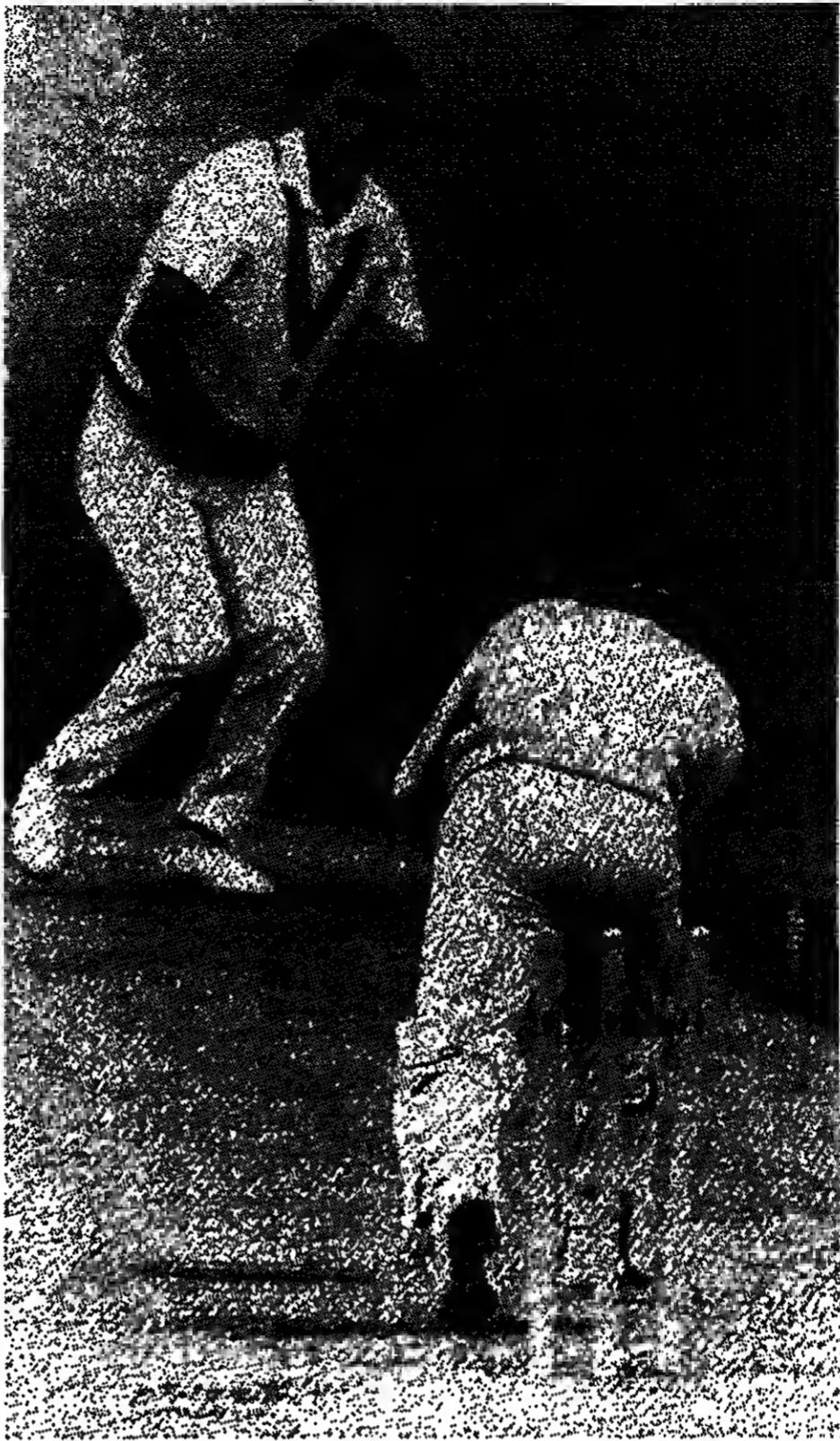
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End of French resistance: India's Binny sends the balls flying to dismiss French

Football will be the winner in special match

Guadalajara

Delaying the moment when I had to make up my mind about who I thought would win the quarter-final between Brazil and France today, and also whom I would prefer to win, until edition time would wait no longer, has not helped. I admire them equally.

For many people, this is the final: a meeting of the two most entertaining teams left in the cup. Brazil and France share something special in sport, something nowadays very rare. They would rather lose gloriously than win meanly. It is the spirit without which football, and sport, is dead.

There are sound reasons, practical as much as sentimental, for hoping either of them win. Believe it or not, the game in Brazil needs it. The politicians' wish for a national league during the '70s, superseding the old regional championships, diluted the famous clubs of São Paulo and Rio. Every club in this vast country could muster the finance for one or two expensive players, and the clubs such as Santos, São Paulo, Botafogo, Fluminense, and Flamengo no longer had the predominance of the best players who formed the national team.

Brazil need to halt decline

No one club has more than three players in the current squad, and the decline of the top clubs has forced more and more of the best players to go overseas, the way they have for decades from Argentina and Uruguay. I believe that if Brazil are to bid successfully for the World Cup of 1994, and to have a reversion of the game, they need to win in 1996. Not only that, the health of the game in Brazil is fundamental to its appeal worldwide.

Brazilians provide one of the basic currencies by which the game is measured, and it is important that the currency remains strong. When Sir Alf Ramsey said in 1970 that England had nothing to learn from Brazil, what he meant was that England could not hope to copy their style. They traditionally have players who provide some of the most exotic and powerful moments we are able to enjoy. In what is currently not a great team, unlike that of 1970, those exotic qualities are still there in Julio Cesar, their libero, Josimar at right back, the professional Socrates, Carca and Muller in attack. Three months ago, Josimar, of Botafogo, who has scored two sensational goals, against Northern Ireland and Poland, was not even in the squad which came to Europe and was rolled over by West Germany and Hungary.

What was evident in Frankfurt in March, however, was that the immutable strains

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we were still there, that Tele One Santana, their manager, has the skills available to build a team from scratch in a few weeks if he could get a US balance right and treat a wage surplus enough in the first round to dispense with most of their mid men who were clogging the rhythm and the morality of that team. Carlos, Edinho, Junior and Socrates are the only remaining players over 30. A younger team has been given its chance and now it's their moment of truth. France are the first team who have the ability and intent persistently to attack a defence, which as yet has conceded no goals. France's strength is in exactly the area where Brazil are least well equipped to meet it: in the midfield. If Junior, Branco, Elzo, W Brico and Socrates are dealt possession, it is going to take one or two moments of exceptional individual brilliance from Carca and Muller to lift them clear. It promises to be one of the most fascinating matches since Holland played Argentina in the 1978 final.

For France, it is right that they should succeed and go on to win the tournament, because their enterprise of the past five years deserves it. In the 1982 semi-final they were cheated out of victory by West Germany. In the person of his Schuster, who should have been sent off after he had inflicted an injury which obliged France to make an early substitute in a match as which was to go extra time the Moral justice owes France a favour, but the thrill of knock-out football, which thankfuller we now have, is that justice recognises no reputation.

French may cause severe problems

Henri Michel, the manager of France, believes that they can present Brazil with problems that they have not yet encountered and which will be too severe. How will Brazil answer the midfield scoring potential of Platini, Tigana, Fernandez and Fernandez. The worry for France is a slight injury to Fernandez, Ferreri stands by in the wings. It is expected that in the final, Platini will be switched from the left and Tesson will play on the left. Analysis leads one to think that France should indeed win, yet I have a vision in my mind's eye which stretches back over the past 30 years of Brazilians scoring great dramatic goals, of their little bodies arched in mid-air as the ball thunders into the net. Will the memory of today be of Platini, or of Carca and Josimar? I can't wait to find out.

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Maradona worried

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Diego Maradona, the Argentina captain, expects England to be difficult opponents when the two sides meet tomorrow in a quarter-final of the World Cup in Mexico City's Azteca stadium. "The players I'm worried about are Tottenham's man, Huddle, and Lineker, who has surprised us with his great goal-scoring ability," Maradona said. "But I'm confident Argentina will win. Our defence is strong and we will beat Huddle in the hand-to-hand in midfield. England's

central defenders are big and we will be able to turn them. "It will be a difficult game," Maradona told an Argentine reporter. "Tell the people in Argentina to pray for us." Valdano, Argentina's leading scorer, added: "It will be an interesting game because the two teams play different styles. The fact this is a World Cup quarter-final game is sufficient motivation for political issues not to enrich or dirty the contest."

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Royale shows a swift set of heels to rivals

From Barry Pickthall, Newport, Rhode Island

Royale, the 85ft French catamaran, skippered by Loic Caradee, looked set last night to reach here sometime this morning at the end of the 3,000-mile Carlsberg transatlantic race, a day ahead of nearest rival, Fortaue TAG, sailed by Mike Birch, a Canadian.

Tony Bullimore, of Britain, and Walter Crane, his American partner, aboard the 60ft trimaran, Apricot, continue to lead Class II 60 miles ahead of Robin Knox-Johnston's catamaran, British Airways I, despite the handicap of a

broken centreboard. But this gap may narrow as the two draw closer to the lighter winds off Nova Scotia. The race for first place among the monohulls after the South African-entered Tuna Marine Voortrekker, skippered by John Martin, broke its rudder on Thursday, now appears to be between the Finnish-entered Colt International, sailed by Markku Wilkari and Antero Kairamo, and her 60ft rival, Biscuits Lu, skippered by Gui Bernasini. The BOC round the world race entrant.

Advertisement for Hill Samuel Investment Services, featuring the headline 'To make the most of your inheritance, leave it to us.' and contact information for Basil Bews, Hill Samuel Private Client Management Limited.

BOXING: CRUZ GOES DOWNTOWN TO DO HIS CRAMMING

A swot in a sweat looks for class

From Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

Barry McGuigan trains at Caesars Palace at the posh end of Las Vegas Boulevard. Caesars' customers in Hawaiian shirts come in and shower the Irishman with oiled and aahs. Steve Cruz, the Mexican-American from Fort Worth, Texas, who challenges McGuigan for the World Boxing Association featherweight title here on Monday, trains at downtown Johnny Tocco's.

The buildings around Tocco's are mostly single-storeyed and look like litter blown down from the Strip. The hoardings look like graffiti. Tocco's is a single-storey building that lies between two huge billboards of the Cremation Society of Nevada and Paul's Autobody Shop. In Tocco's gym itself they punish and shape their bodies to soul music.

You can't miss Tocco's gym as you come down East Charleston. It says "Johnny Tocco's Ringside Gym for World Contenders" in large schoolboyish handwriting on one of the walls. You go round the back to enter, past the two big service stations.

Anyone who is anyone trains at Tocco's. Marvin Hagler always does. All the famous faces are on the walls: Ali, Holmes, Benitez, Curry and other world champions. Yesterday the Kronk crowd from Detroit were there. Tommy Hearns is here together with Milton McCrory. Hearns is part of the "triple litter" which features McGuigan at the top with Hearns defending.

Doing the dirty

McGuigan is about to be reunited with a much-travelled bag of dirty laundry which he last saw seven weeks ago in Las Vegas. He left it in his hotel room after a weekend publicizing his fight. The hotel posted it to him in New York, care of the promoters. "It sat there in an office until it began to smell," an official said. A laundry refused to take it.

Against Mark Medal and Roberto Duran talking on Robbie Sims, Hagler's brother.

It is 103 outside and inside Tocco's it is steamy. It is a clean, well-lit place and so sweaty the specs slide off your nose. It is packed with trainers, boxers and reporters, yet there is a happy laissez-faire atmosphere about the place. Every-

body does as he pleases and seems to find the room to get on with it.

Cruz is lost to the crowd. He spars five rounds with Troy Dorsey, a tough fighter from Fort Worth. Dorsey puts on McGuigan-type pressure and Cruz stands his ground but then backs out of the ring. Dorsey catches him over and over again with a left uppercut.

Cruz does not look more than a club fighter. He does not seem to have slick enough footwork to get out of trouble. He looks like a schoolboy trying to cram in his revision at the last minute for a tough examination.

A Kronk trainer says: "He is a purty good fighter." McCrory says: "Come, come, come," he will say to McGuigan. "Barriertes says: 'He is ready to fight now. He is 127lb. He will be 126 on Monday.'"

At the other end of the Strip, at Caesars, McGuigan spars with Azael Moran, from Panama, the world's No. 6 bantamweight, in the Sports Pavilion. There are acres of space but there is an air, not an interesting brick in the building. McGuigan is the only boxer

and he is the centre of attraction. A large, admiring crowd are neatly seated in chairs.

Unlike Cruz, McGuigan is doing the pressuring and catching Moran with good jabs and hooks. McGuigan is already 125lb and looking like the million dollars plus he is making from this contest. He does not throw punches to the body. Perhaps he does not want to show his hand. For Cruz does not like body shots. As he showed against Rocky Garcia.

Duran says: "McGuigan is like an eagle. He can jump out of range of the cobra until he is ready to strike. He is good to be with. He is a good person. He is a Catholic, like me."

Bob Arum, the promoter, has lots of good things to say about McGuigan. He says McGuigan's next contest will be against Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela, the No. 1 contender, in Belfast and that the one after that will again be in the United States. Little thought is given to the boyish Mexican-American challenger who cannot wait till Monday to sweat his way to the posh end of the featherweight class.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Runcorn's coach goes

Geoff Fletcher, one of Rugby League's great personalities and eccentrics, has resigned as coach of Runcorn Highfield after nine years (Keith Macklin writes). He will remain at Runcorn as general manager. When the club were known as Liverpool City and Huyton, Fletcher was coach and manager and almost single-handedly kept them from going into extinction and twice won awards for services to the game.

Pryor post

David Pryor has been appointed West Midlands regional director of the Sports Council. Pryor, aged 45, has worked in the London and South East regional office of the council since 1972.

Bias dead

Len Bias, aged 22, the 6ft 8in American basketball player, died on Thursday of a heart attack. Bias appeared for the University of Maryland, had been chosen for All-American honours this year, and was regarded as one of the nation's best college players.

Luton first

Northamptonshire will play their first-ever county championship match at Wardown Park, Luton today, against Yorkshire. The Bedfordshire ground has been used by Northamptonshire in the past for John Player League matches.

Beashal leads

Colin Beashal, the 12-metre world champion, gained a one race lead over Maurizio Pellaschier, of Italy, Pelle Petterson, of Sweden, and Gary Jobson, of the United States, in the opening rounds of the Liberty Cup match race championship in New York harbour, despite running aground during one heat. Britain's Lawrie Smith was in joint fifth place.

Lewis on song

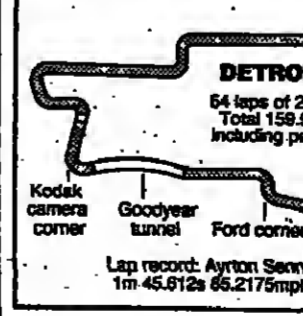
Carl Lewis, competing in three events for the first time since he won four gold medals in the Los Angeles Olympics of 1984, led qualifiers in the 100 metres (with 10.16sec) and loom jump (27ft 4 1/2in, one attempt) and had the sixth fastest time in the 200 metres (20.41sec) at the United States national track and field championships in Eugene, Oregon.

Gower out

David Gower, whose shoulder injury forced him out of the second Test match against India, misses the British Assurance Championship match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston today.

MOTOR RACING

DETROIT GP



Lap record: Ayton Serra 1m 45.812s @ 65.2175mph

Tambay's injuries keep him out of Detroit race

Detroit (Reuter) - Patrick Tambay, of France, has not recovered from bruised ribs sustained in a crash of his Lola last Sunday and will be replaced by Eddie Cheever, of the United States, for the Detroit Grand Prix tomorrow. Tambay has painfully bruised ribs. There's a lot of swelling and it was decided that he would not race again this Sunday. Jon Marsh, the race's Press officer, said: "Tambay's Lola spun out of control when the suspension broke, sending him crashing

CYCLING

A first classic victory for US newcomer

Zurich (AP) - Andrew Hampsten, from Boulder, Colorado, yesterday upstaged the international elite to capture the fifth Tour of Switzerland, the first American to win the road classic. Hampsten, aged 24, joined the professional circuit only last season. He was in control through the gruelling, 11-day test over 1,767km, although Massimo Ghiroto, of Italy, won the last stage.

A bad spill by Sean Kelly, of Ireland, No. 1 in the latest world rankings, marred the finale. Kelly received stitches for leg and facial cuts. Team officials assured that his participation in the forthcoming Tour de France was not in jeopardy.

Other big-name riders finished way behind. Phil Anderson, of Australia, was 26th. FINAL STAGE STANDINGS: 1. M Ghiroto (It), 4hr 9m 52sec; 2. J Noris (It), same time; 3. J Bruyghmans (Bel), at 45sec; 4. S Cavallaro (It); 5. T de Fey (Neth); 6. P Sverhagen (Neth), at same time. Overall: 1. A Hampsten (US), at 24m 21sec; 2. R Miller (Scot), at 53sec; 3. G Lokor (US), at 1:21; 4. U Zimmermann (Switz), at 1:34; 5. F Chiodoli (It), at 1:34; 6. P Delgado (Sp), 7:34.

